

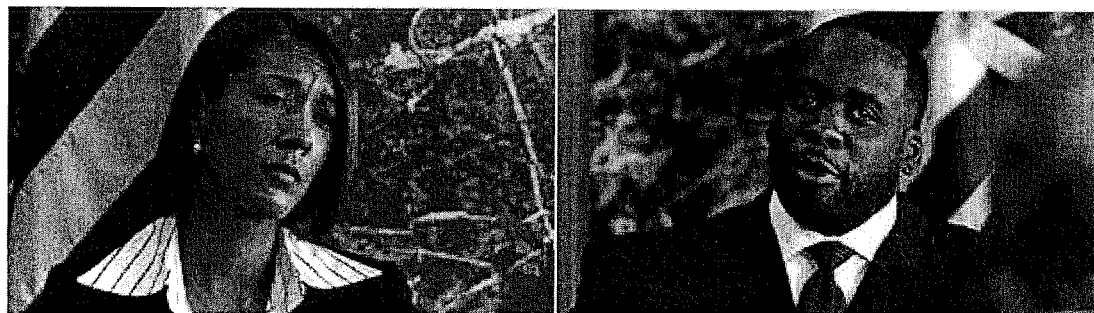
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Kwame Kilpatrick: A mayor in crisis

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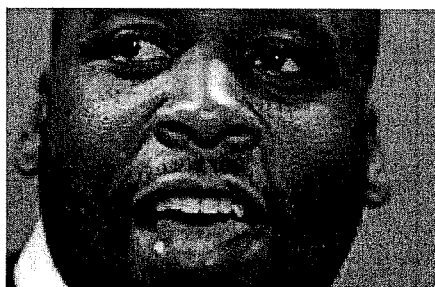
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August 5, 2008

Kilpatrick won't talk to state troopers probing alleged shoving incident

A lawyer for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Monday that the mayor has declined to talk directly to Michigan State Police, who are investigating his alleged shove of a sheriff's detective last month.



Investigator in mayor case says she had to choose

between jobs

A Wayne County prosecutor's investigator who was involved in an altercation with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick last month says the Detroit Police Department forced her to choose between the investigator's post and her job as a crime analyst for the police.



Signatures sought to boost recall of mayor

Supporters of a campaign to recall Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Monday that today's election primary will be their best shot at collecting the signatures needed to get the issue on the ballot in February.



August 4, 2008

Ward: Council's effort to remove Kilpatrick follows charter's intent

The Detroit City Council's effort to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office through the city charter process known as forfeiture follows the intent of the charter's drafters, the executive director of the group that wrote the 1974 charter says in a sworn statement filed in court today.

Group holds rally in effort to oust Kilpatrick

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Lawyer: Kilpatrick declines to talk to state police in run-in probe

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Mayor recall effort holding rally tonight

The group seeking to recall Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will hold a rally at 6 p.m. tonight.

August 3, 2008

Time offers a sad perspective on Kilpatrick's words

Many of Kilpatrick's words take on a different meaning in the glare of the text message scandal that has engulfed the administration and led to eight felony charges against him.



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August 2, 2008

Worthy's fight fails again

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy came up empty, yet again, Friday in her quest to disqualify every judge in Detroit's 36th District Court from hearing the criminal case of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and ex-aide Christine Beatty, but Worthy called it a necessary fight.



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Worthy's statement on the court's decision

Today the Michigan Supreme Court denied our request to review the lower court denial of our motion to disqualify the 36th District Court bench in the Kilpatrick/Beatty case. The basis of our request was that under the objective facts the confidence of a reasonable person in the impartiality of the forum is compromised.

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August 1, 2008

Supreme Court turns down Worthy's 5th request to disqualify Detroit bench

The Michigan Supreme Court this morning turned down Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's appeal to disqualify all the judges in Detroit 36th District Court from hearing the Kwame Kilpatrick-Christine Beatty text message case.



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Granholtz rejects Kilpatrick's request for delay

Gov. Jennifer Granholm denied a request Thursday from Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's lawyers that she delay removal proceedings against Kilpatrick for two months, dismissing their claim that a fire at city hall and other issues hampered their preparation.

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McPhail: Goodman 'insulting' in letter to Granholm

An attorney for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick accused the city's council independent attorney of "insulting" her in one of his letters to Gov. Jennifer Granholm as the governor considers the council's request to remove the mayor from office.

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Penske: Let mayor's case play out

Roger Penske, one of metro Detroit's top business leaders, said Thursday that although Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's legal struggles have hampered the city's progress, business leaders should not be involved in determining the mayor's future.



See the Michigan Supreme Court's order

July 31, 2008

City Council, Kilpatrick staff want taxpayers to pick up new legal fees

The potential cost to City of Detroit taxpayers from the text-message scandal continued to grow with new requests for legal fees filed today. The City Council filed a request for a \$100,000 increase in the legal services contract with Bill Goodman.



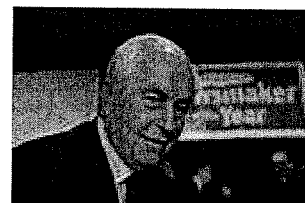
Granholtz nixes delay in Kilpatrick hearing

UPDATED AT 1:44 P.M. -- Gov. Jennifer Granholm has denied a request from lawyers for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for a two-month delay of hearings for Granholm to decide whether to remove Kilpatrick from office.



Penske: Businesses should stay out of Kilpatrick scandal

Roger Penske, one of Detroit's top business leaders, said today the city's business community should not be involved in determining the future of embattled Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Kilpatrick could face new reins

Prosecutors may ask for even tighter bond restrictions on Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick after a judge said he took a trip to Windsor last week without court authorization.



Mayor can start the healing by resigning

Even though I am a pastor in Macomb County, I reside in the city of Detroit by choice. My wife and I have always been Detroit boosters, and we appreciate the challenges of working to create better harmony between city and suburb. We have embraced that work along with so many others for many years, and some of us were certain that a bright young man like Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick would make a difference.

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Cox: I'll be fair with Kilpatrick

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox said Tuesday that his earlier call for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's resignation will not affect his handling of any cases involving the mayor.



July 29, 2008

Cox: I will be fair to Mayor Kilpatrick

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox said Tuesday that his earlier call for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's resignation will not affect the way his office handles any cases involving the mayor.



Granholtz quickens probe of Kilpatrick

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced Monday she would move up a hearing date to consider Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's removal, and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans sharpened his criticism of Kilpatrick following his altercation last week with a sheriff's detective.



Bobby Ferguson contracts approved

Detroit City Council today approved about \$5 million in contracts to contractor Bobby Ferguson, who is a close friend of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. The contracts were for waters system improvements and demolition of dangerous structures. The vote was 5-2. Only Councilwomen Brenda Jones and JoAnn Watson voted no.

Worthy gets warm reception at meeting

A who's who of law enforcement in Detroit was at the Detroit City Council this morning -- to accept an award. The council was honoring law enforcement leaders and others for their work in the Fugitive Safe Surrender program with Spirit of Detroit awards.



Start proceedings to disbar Mayor Kilpatrick

It's time for some public accountability concerning the outrageous conduct of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Now Kilpatrick is poisoning Detroit's legacy

There is a bigger picture that we are missing in Detroit. It is bigger than how the mayoral scandal affects us locally. It is bigger than how the mayoral and City Council scandals affect our ability to recruit new businesses and new families. Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is now messing with our legacy.

July 28, 2008

Attorney: Even a child could defend potential assault charges

Potential assault charges against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick are so ludicrous, one of his attorneys said Sunday, that a 6-year-old could successfully defend the mayor in court.



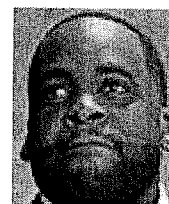
Goodman: Council's Kilpatrick ouster hearings are on track

The Detroit City Council independent attorney said today during a brief pause during a closed session that forfeiture proceedings to remove Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office remain scheduled to start Aug. 18.



Council meets today on removing mayor

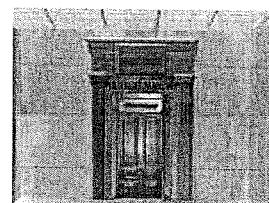
Detroit City Council is to meet in closed session at 9 a.m. today with its legal counsel, William Goodman, and other attorneys in the council's research and analysis division about the forfeiture proceedings involving Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



July 27, 2008

Animated cartoon: 'Nowhere Man' Kilpatrick

Kwame's a real "Nowhere Man," living in his nowhere land -- or at least he is when Mike Thompson takes a page from The Beatles' songbook.



Blame Kilpatrick mess on charismatic CEOs

How did it all come to this? Blame it on our infatuation with the cult of the charismatic CEO and ultimately on the

infatuation of the charismatic CEO with himself.

July 26, 2008

Blame mayoral mess on charismatic CEOs

How did it all come to this for Kwame Kilpatrick? Blame it on our infatuation with the cult of the charismatic CEO and ultimately on the infatuation of the charismatic CEO with himself.

Time to tell Kilpatrick he simply must go so city can move on

How much damage will Kwame Kilpatrick be allowed to do -- to the city's image, to the progress he once inspired, to himself -- before someone steps up to say: Enough! This ends, right here, right now.



Judge scolds mayor but spares him jail

Accused of manhandling a Wayne County sheriff's deputy, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick didn't know whether he would go home or to jail Friday morning. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran pushed to change the terms of Kilpatrick's bond in response to Thursday's encounter with the deputy, Detective Brian White.



Mr. Mayor, enough!

What's that old saying about when push comes to shove? Well, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has just pushed things too damn far. Enough already. Mr. Mayor, for Detroit, for Wayne County, for the entire State of Michigan, which has been dragged into your mess: Shove off. It's over. It's got to be.



Don't go so easy on mayor's shove

Had anyone else touched an officer of the law, he or she would have been arrested on the spot ("Mayor faces new probe for run-in with officers; Deputy says he was pushed, but Kilpatrick lawyer says there was no roughness," July 25). If anyone at the scene had joined in to obstruct justice, he or she also would be arrested.

Who said what in court

Excerpts from Friday's bond revocation hearing for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick: Wayne County Sheriff's Detective Brian White, describing how Kilpatrick stormed out of his sister's home on Thursday and threw him against investigator JoAnn Kinney:



Ferguson mum on Kilpatrick's run-in

After a court hearing on a drunken driving charge Friday in Southfield, contractor Bobby Ferguson refused to answer questions about Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's run-in with a Wayne County sheriff's deputy who was attempting to serve Ferguson a subpoena Thursday at a relative's home in Detroit.

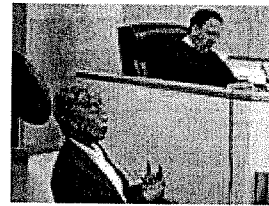


Effort to recall Kilpatrick falls short

Leaders of the campaign to recall Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Friday it appeared they would not collect the necessary signatures in time to put the issue on the November ballot, but pledged to push efforts at getting the question before voters in a February special election.

Prosecutor's investigator on mayor's trail made reputation as homicide cop

JoAnn Kinney's history as a veteran investigator and witness for 30 years in the Detroit Police Department led to her joining the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office as an investigator in May.



Detective in charge of finding witnesses calls Ferguson stop pure happenstance

Brian White, the Wayne County sheriff's detective who testified Friday that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick shoved him when he attempted to serve a subpoena, has a low-key demeanor and a reputation for finding hard-to-locate witnesses.



Cox's office would handle an assault case

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox's office announced Friday it will handle the prosecution — if it comes to that — of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for allegedly assaulting a sheriff's deputy Thursday.

July 25, 2008

Judge orders mayor to post \$7,500 bond to remain out of jail

UPDATED AT 1:08 P.M. -- A stern Detroit judge found that Mayor Kilpatrick violated the terms of his bond in his criminal case after a sheriff's deputy testified he was assaulted by the mayor Thursday.



Cox can't prosecute Kilpatrick

I'm not big on I-told-you-so's, but this one is too important to pass up. When Mike Cox ripped Kwame Kilpatrick in March, I said he was talking out of school because he might be called to duty in the scandal. Guess who now says he must get involved?

Judge Giles will hear arguments over release of new text messages

No new text messages will be released today, after Detroit 36th District Court Judge Ronald Giles decided he will first hear arguments over which messages are covered by privileges that would keep them private.

AG Cox will investigate mayor if needed

The office of Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox decided this morning it will handle the prosecution, if it comes to that, of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for allegedly assaulting a sheriff's deputy Thursday, the Free Press has learned.

Mayor passes first drug test

On a day in which his bond was increased, his travel was severely restricted and a judge sternly admonished him for manhandling a deputy, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick got a little good news: He passed his first court-ordered drug test.



Cockrel: Mayor's run-in a blow to city

Detroit City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. called Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's run-in with two law enforcement officers "another blow to the city's image" today and repeated his call for Kilpatrick to resign.

Mayor faces new probe for run-in with officers

Michigan State Police are investigating whether Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick assaulted a deputy trying to serve a subpoena at his sister's house Thursday -- an incident that could lead to additional criminal charges against the mayor.



Mayor recall effort reports a boost, setback

Leaders of the campaign to recall Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said today it appeared they would not collect the necessary signatures in time to put the issue on the November ballot, but vowed to ramp up their efforts in hopes of putting the question to voters in February.

Worthy to Beatty: Smell the coffee

His spouse is in self-imposed exile. His former concubine is a passing phantom on the courthouse steps.

Videos: See footage from the hearing

Committee declines to OK lawyer contracts

A Detroit City Council committee declined to approve more than \$200,000 in contracts for lawyers in the text message scandal and Tamara Greene lawsuit.

July 24, 2008

Wayne sheriff: Officer says Kilpatrick gave him 'significant' shove

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was involved in a dispute Thursday afternoon with law enforcement officials attempting to serve his friend Bobby Ferguson with a subpoena. The severity of the incident — which occurred around 4 p.m. at the home of the mayor's sister, Ayanna — is in dispute.



Council committee rejects request for scandal legal fees

A Detroit City Council committee today declined to approve more than \$200,000 in contracts for lawyers in the text message scandal and Tamara Greene lawsuit.



Worthy wants to release even more text messages

Even as a judge is set to rule Friday on the possible public release of about 200 text messages, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office says it is primed to unload another batch of the texts written by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, his former aide Christine Beatty and others.



Council to consider lawyer contracts

A Detroit City Council committee is expected today to consider several controversial contracts for legal services related to the text message scandal.

Mayor is added to suit aimed at stopping his ouster

Without even asking, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick found himself added as a plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the City's Council's efforts to oust him. "The mayor is certainly a party of interest in this matter," Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Ziolkowski concluded at a court hearing Wednesday.

July 23, 2008

Worthy set to file yet another set of texts from Kilpatrick

UPDATED AT 8:13 P.M.: Even as a judge is set to rule Friday on the possible



release of about 200 text messages, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is primed to unload another batch of the texts written by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, his former aide Christine Beatty and others.

Worthy amends charges, brushes off mayor's accusations

HEAR THE MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick tore into Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy on Tuesday, saying her case against him was "going to hell quickly" and accusing her of playing to racism in the region.



Kilpatrick must be a plaintiff to challenge his ouster, judge rules

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick must be a plaintiff to a lawsuit challenging City Council ouster proceedings against him, a judge ruled today.



PDF: See filings from Kilpatrick lawyers

Kenyatta: Kilpatrick playing victim card

Detroit City Councilman Kwame Kenyatta today accused Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick of portraying himself as the "poor, black, young leader" in his attacks Tuesday on Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's handling of the mayor's criminal case.

Text of investigator's supplemental report

Through properly executed search warrants on SkyTel, I obtained text messages sent and received by the above defendants to each other and to others.

July 22, 2008

Worthy: Kilpatrick lied about other affairs

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy today amended two criminal charges against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, accusing the mayor of lying about other previously unreported extramarital affairs.



With case 'going to hell quickly,' Kilpatrick accuses Worthy of using area's racism against him

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Tuesday he thinks Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's investigation against him is "going to hell quickly" and accused the prosecutor of playing to racism in the region.

FreepOpinion: Hizzoner speaks on honor

The dangers of megalomania continue to make themselves evident in the bizarre and irrational behavior of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who pronounced today that Wayne County prosecutor Kym Worthy's case against him is quickly "going to hell."

Decision due Wednesday in tangled mayoral lawyer case

Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Ziolkowski will decide Wednesday who represents the City of Detroit in the fight to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

July 21, 2008

Judge to decide on lawyer to represent the City of Detroit on Wednesday

UPDATED AT 5:55 P.M.: Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Ziolkowski will decide Wednesday who represents the City of Detroit in the fight to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

July 19, 2008

Suit claiming fraud by mayor, Beatty dismissed

Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. dismissed a lawsuit Friday claiming that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former aide Christine Beatty defrauded taxpayers.

Who paid for pro-mayor publication is mystery

Detroiters depressed about the public schools crisis, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's legal woes or the FBI probe of City Hall got some good news in the mail this week: Everything's great!



July 18, 2008

Timeline of the text message scandal

Reporters can't be asked how they got text messages

A Wayne County judge ruled Thursday that the Free Press reporters who broke the text message scandal in January can't be asked to reveal how they obtained the damaging text messages.

SkyTel text messaging devices were Beatty's idea, city official testifies

A Detroit official said Thursday the city bought its now-notorious SkyTel text messaging devices on the advice of former mayoral chief of staff Christine Beatty -- the first casualty of



the text messaging scandal.

July 17, 2008

Reporters don't have to reveal source of text messages

A Wayne County judge today blocked an effort by lawyers for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former chief of staff Christine Beatty to find out who leaked scandalous text messages to the Free Press that resulted in perjury charges against the pair and an effort to remove the mayor from office.



Using text messaging devices Beatty's idea, witness testifies

A Detroit purchasing official testified today that the idea for using Skytel text messaging devices came from former mayoral chief of staff Christine Beatty.



As mayor's legal tab grows, how are lawyers being paid?

As Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick announced his legal defense fund will return a total of \$4,500 to two contributors, officials declined to provide more details about how Kilpatrick's mounting legal expenses are being paid.



Kilpatrick: Council must set aside anger and focus instead on city business

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said city officials must put aside today's incendiary confrontation over the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel deal and go about the business of the city.



July 16, 2008

Kilpatrick defense fund to return contributions

UPDATED AT 8:42 P.M.: Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's legal defense fund will return \$4,500 to two contributors following a Free Press report on the donors, one of whom was tied to an 8 Mile strip club.



Kilpatrick's legal defense fund nearly out of reserves

A legal defense fund set up for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has gone through nearly all the money it has raised over the past three months, a report filed with the IRS revealed Tuesday.



Sleepless in Manoogian Mansion

His days are not that different from what they were. There are more roles to juggle now, and more frequent costume changes as he cycles endlessly from kingpin to client, father to son, player to penitent.

July 15, 2008

Kilpatrick's legal defense fund is nearly depleted

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's legal defense fund reported raising \$185,600 since it formed in April, but has spent nearly all of that.



Judge: Some texts from mayor and Beatty could stay private

It will take another 10 days before the public gets a look at some of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's and Christine Beatty's text messages -- but even then it may not be more than an extra glimpse into what already has been revealed, a judge said Monday.

July 14, 2008

Mayor, former chief of staff keep it cordial

Two months ago it was a hug and an apparent peck on the cheek. Today, it was just a handshake. Mayor Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff shared a few moments and a handshake in 36th District Court -- captured on video.



Judge orders release of some messages

It will take another 1 1/2 weeks before the public gets a look at Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's and Christine Beatty's text messages -- but even then it may not be more than just an extra glimpse of what's already been revealed, a Detroit judge said Monday.



July 13, 2008

Talk of Manoogian Mansion bash is still just a rumor

For decades, the Manoogian Mansion was simply the city-owned home on the Detroit River where the mayor and his family lived. Now, it's code for one of the most sensational parties in Detroit history. A much-rumored, never-proven, alleged party.



July 12, 2008

Bill for text-message scandal pinches county

The cost to prosecute the criminal case against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff will be \$200,000 this year and could cost an additional \$1 million next year, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy told county commissioners this week.



Free Press moves to shield pair of reporters

The Free Press filed a court motion Friday to block an attempt by private lawyers for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former chief of staff Christine Beatty to question its reporters about text messages that led to criminal charges against the pair.



July 11, 2008

Bill for text-message scandal pinches county

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Here's a question for the mayor

Mayor Kilpatrick's attorneys want to question reporters about how they got the text messages. Here's my question: If they aren't his, why does he care about them?



Lawyers fight to question Freep reporters

The Detroit Free Press is fighting an attempt by private lawyers for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former chief of staff Christine Beatty to question its reporters about how they got the text messages that landed the mayor in trouble.

Dave Bing: I may run for mayor of Detroit

Detroit businessman and former NBA star Dave Bing is considering a run for the Detroit mayor's office because the city needs to "regain credibility."



Mayor asks for another \$150,000

The besieged Kilpatrick administration requested at least another \$150,000 Thursday from the city to pay outside lawyers for continuing legal battles in federal and state courts.



July 10, 2008

Worry drove lawyer a long way to hide mayor's texts

Southfield attorney William Mitchell III had no doubt about his primary mission on behalf of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his chief aide Christine Beatty -- keeping their explosive and embarrassing text messages under wraps.

Worthy to appeal to state Supreme Court in try to get visiting judge for mayor

After failing four times to bar Detroit's 36th District Court judges from presiding over Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's criminal case, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is turning to the state Supreme Court.



July 9, 2008

Ex-Kilpatrick lawyer: I tried to keep texts under wraps

William Mitchell III, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's former criminal lawyer, went to great lengths — traveling to Mississippi and Virginia — to keep the mayor's explosive text messages out of the public eye.



One word could doom Worthy's case

One word.

Worthy to ask state Supreme Court to ban 36th District judges

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said today she will ask the state Supreme Court to bar 36th District Court judges from presiding over Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's criminal case.

Experts: Affairs answer is debatable

The prosecution's hopes of expanding perjury charges against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to say he lied about affairs with several women hang on a fleeting exchange during a police whistle-blower trial last summer, the Free Press has learned.



Mayor's text defense: It wasn't me

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is so high style and profile that he's prime pickings for a high-tech hoaxster, defense lawyers argue in legal papers trying to bar potentially explosive text messages from court.

New delay slows efforts to remove mayor

Another delay has befallen the Detroit City Council's effort to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office. The council was supposed to meet July 25 to vote on the proposed rules for the removal process, known as forfeiture, but the meeting has been pushed to Aug. 8 because of a clerical error, Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. said Tuesday.

July 8, 2008

Strategy in text scandal a risky one for Worthy

The prosecution's hopes of expanding perjury charges against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to say he lied about affairs with several women hang on a fleeting exchange during a police whistle-blower trial last summer, the Free Press has learned.



Worthy still open to charging others

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy issued a reminder Monday that when it comes to the text message criminal cases and their labyrinthine intrigues, it's not over till she says so.



Prosecutor says Kilpatrick lied about other extramarital

affairs

Armed with newly obtained text messages, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is poised to accuse Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick of cheating on his wife with multiple women in an expansion of the perjury case against him, Worthy's office confirmed Monday.



Rules hearing for proposed Kilpatrick ouster plan postponed

A Detroit City Council hearing on the council's proposed rules for the process it has launched to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has been postponed because of a clerical error.



July 7, 2008

Kilpatrick faces more accusations of infidelity; charges may be revised

UPDATED AT 11:41 P.M.: Armed with newly obtained text messages, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is poised to accuse Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick of cheating on his wife with multiple women in an expansion of the perjury case against him, Worthy's office confirmed Monday.



July 4, 2008

Worthy gets messages of 10 linked to Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has obtained text message transcripts for 10 people closely associated with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, including his sister, bodyguards and top police officials.



Judge holds off on making texts public

A Detroit judge involved in the criminal cases against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former aide Christine Beatty said Thursday that he needs until July 14 to decide whether prosecutors can make public a court filing with hundreds of potentially explosive text messages.



July 3, 2008

Worthy obtains messages of 10 linked to mayor

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Kilpatrick renews attack on texts

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's lawyers have taken aim at the explosive text messages, hoping to shoot them down in motions to be filed today, the attorneys said at a news conference Wednesday. They say they can discredit the messages at the heart of the perjury charges against Kilpatrick and his former aide Christine Beatty.



Judge delays decision on text messages

Detroit judge said today he needs until July 14 to decide if prosecutors can make public a court filing with hundreds of potentially explosive text messages in the pretrial maneuvering in the criminal cases of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former aide Christine Beatty.



July 2, 2008

Free Press gains access to transcript from closed meeting

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan ordered the transcript of the closed May 20 hearing in the text messaging scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick be revealed, saying that the ruling to close the hearing was inaccurate and he cannot understand why it was kept secret.

July 1, 2008

Council tells mayor it won't pay lawyers

The Detroit City Council voted unanimously today to tell the administration of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick that it will not pay for attorneys it hired to fight the council's hearings to remove Kilpatrick from office.

June 28, 2008

Name mayor in suit vs. council, judge is asked

Bill Goodman, the Detroit City Council's independent attorney, filed a motion Friday asking that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick be named as the real client in a suit filed to derail the council's effort to oust the mayor.

June 27, 2008

Judge: No time limit on questions from news lawyers

A Wayne County judge rejected a request Thursday by City of Detroit lawyers to limit the time newspaper lawyers may question witnesses during depositions in a lawsuit seeking public documents in the text messaging scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



June 26, 2008

Judge refuses to put time limit on questioning in scandal

A Wayne County judge today rejected a city lawyer's request to limit the time newspaper lawyers may question witnesses in depositions in pursuit of public documents in the text messaging scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Council lawyer questions suit

Who, Bill Goodman wants to know, is suing who? Goodman, the Detroit City Council's independent attorney, wants to know if the lawyers who filed the lawsuit to stop the council from holding hearings to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick are representing the mayor or the city.

June 25, 2008

Council delays Kilpatrick removal hearings

The Detroit City Council announced Tuesday it is delaying hearings to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office until August and will interrupt its five-week summer recess to hold them. The council was scheduled to begin the removal process, called forfeiture, on July 7.



June 24, 2008

McPhail likens case against mayor to 1950s treason trial

Likening the Detroit City Council's effort to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to the 1950s Red Scare-era prosecution of alleged spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Kilpatrick's general counsel asked Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Monday to delay any removal effort until the mayor's criminal case is resolved.



Detroit City Council to start mayoral removal hearings in August

UPDATED AT 6:15 P.M.: The Detroit City Council will not begin removal hearings against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick until August, Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. said today.

June 22, 2008

Interim report: Grading Detroit's own cleanup crew

Besides reducing Kwame Kilpatrick's career to the political equivalent of Enron stock, the 5-month-old text-messaging scandal has vaulted a number of public officials to unexpected prominence.

June 21, 2008

City Council balks at legal overload

It has come to this: The City of Detroit's lawyers have hired lawyers to sue the city the lawyers represent. On Friday, Councilwoman JoAnn Watson said she has had enough.



Union leaders join recall effort

Several city employee union leaders decided Friday to support the recall campaign against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a dramatic development that transforms what had been a fledgling effort into one with a real shot of going before voters.

June 20, 2008

Council to fight paying bill for Mayor Kilpatrick's defense

The Detroit City Council signaled today that it will oppose spending city money to pay the attorneys the administration of Mayor Kilpatrick hired to represent the mayor in the council's effort to remove him from office.



Calif. ruling could help mayor

A federal appeals court ruling in California could buttress the arguments of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's attorneys that embarrassing text messages, which are the key to the criminal charges against him and a former aide, cannot be used in the case.

Judge will handle newspaper appeal

Wayne County Chief Circuit Judge William Giovan decided today to handle a newspaper appeal of a Detroit district judge's controversial decision in the text messaging scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former top aide.



June 19, 2008

Kilpatrick supporters: Let Detroiters decide mayor's fate

Speakers at a rally promoting the recall of several council members seeking the ouster of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick kept returning to the same theme Thursday night: Whatever the mayor is or is not guilty of, Detroiters should be the ones to decide his fate.

Hearing is set on effort to remove Kilpatrick from office

A judge scheduled a hearing Wednesday for June 27 to take up a lawsuit Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's administration filed to block the City Council from trying to oust the mayor.



More hearings on scandal considered

Detroit City Council is to vote Tuesday on whether to hold a new round of hearings in the text message scandal, this time focusing on whether Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, his former chief of staff Christine Beatty and top Detroit Police Department officials violated the city charter and the department's conduct manual, respectively.



Mayor's buddy in a new jam

If a Detroit-area contractor and longtime friend of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is convicted of drunken driving charges out of Southfield, he could face jail time for violating his probation stemming from a 2005 assault charge, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

No way to serve city

Were it not so costly and all-consuming, the absurdity of the Detroit city administration suing the Detroit City Council to block the council from holding hearings on the removal of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick might be amusing.

Mayor's legal team alleges ethical breach

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's legal team assailed the Detroit City Council's special lawyer Wednesday because his firm stands to share in a \$2.5-million judgment against the city in a police misconduct suit while leading the effort to oust Kilpatrick from office.

June 18, 2008

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City to attack vote on mayor's ouster

Detroit's City Council needed a two-thirds vote -- not a simple majority -- to hold removal hearings on Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a law professor hired by the city's Law Department argued Tuesday.



Mayor's office files suit to block his ouster

A lawsuit has just been filed in Wayne County Circuit Court seeking to block the Detroit City Council's effort to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office by an attorney for the Kilpatrick administration.



June 17, 2008

Mayor to sue to stop council's ouster hearings

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will go to court this week in seeking to block the City Council's efforts to remove him from office, a lawyer hired by the Kilpatrick administration said Monday. The lawsuit, which would be filed in Wayne County Circuit Court, would directly challenge the council's authority to remove Kilpatrick under the city charter.

June 16, 2008

Attorney to help mayor file suit against removal effort

A Wayne State law professor retained by Detroit's law department said he plans to help file a lawsuit this week to halt City Council's attempt to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Council to review ouster hearing procedures today

Detroit City Council is scheduled to meet this afternoon to review proposed rules and procedures on forfeiture hearings in its attempt to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office.

Conyers apologizes for letter on Kilpatrick's behalf sent to Granholm

Detroit City Council President Pro Tem Monica Conyers said today that her attorney wrote the now-controversial letter to Gov. Jennifer Granholm asking the governor not to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office.



June 15, 2008

Don't let lawyers distract from main point about mayor

Right now, the Detroit City Hall scandal is all about lawyers and the law, which is to say it is just getting murkier and less defined, which probably makes Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick very happy. Get a dozen lawyers involved and they'll have you arguing about everything but the subject at hand.

June 13, 2008

Mayor's aide had hand in letter to Gov.

Detroit City Council members learned Thursday that a letter by three council members opposing ouster hearings against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick had been sent to the governor by Sharon McPhail, a key Kilpatrick aide.



Mayor denies role in letter

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said today that his office did not orchestrate a letter sent by three city council members to the governor asking that she refrain from beginning any ouster proceedings.



Office of the Governor's disclosure of documents related to the council's petition

June 12, 2008

Kenyatta chides colleagues, sends letter to Granholm

UPDATED AT 5:10 P.M.: Detroit City Councilman Kwame Kenyatta today lashed out at several colleagues who recently sent a letter to Gov. Jennifer Granholm asking her to refrain from removing the mayor from office.



WSU prof to fight for mayor

Add Wayne State University Law School Professor Robert Sedler to the growing list of attorneys involved in the text message scandal surrounding Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Sedler, a civil rights attorney, said Wednesday that he has been hired as a special counsel by the city Law Department to fight the City Council's efforts to oust Kilpatrick.



June 11, 2008

City hires lawyer to fight council's ouster of mayor

Robert A. Sedler, a civil rights attorney and Wayne State University constitutional law professor, said today that he has been hired as a special counsel by the city law department to fight the City Council's efforts to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Plan for ouster hearing: No votes for no-shows

Any attempt by the Detroit City Council to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will require that a majority of the council's nine members sit through every minute of the forfeiture hearings. And only those members who attend every minute can vote on the mayor's fate under proposed rules made public Tuesday.



June 10, 2008

Council to review rules as it works to remove Kilpatrick from office

Detroit City Council will meet Monday to review proposed rules and procedures on forfeiture hearings in its attempt to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office.



Mayor's office withdraws request for city to pay lawyer's bills

The Kilpatrick administration today withdrew its request to have the city pay the legal bills of Detroit city attorney Valerie Colbert-Osamuede, who is under investigation for alleged professional misconduct for her work in the text message scandal.



June 9, 2008

Attorney: I would not represent mayor after learning truth about messages

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's lead defense attorney in a police whistleblower lawsuit said today he decided he could no longer represent the mayor after learning the true nature of text messages Kilpatrick exchanged



with a top aide.

June 8, 2008

Indifference to appearances begins in highest court

It's the mother of all hot potatoes, and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy still doubts that any judge south of 8 Mile Road has the asbestos gloves to handle it.

June 7, 2008

Mayor, Beatty forced to talk

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick can be questioned under oath in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the Free Press, Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. ruled Friday.



June 6, 2008

Kilpatrick booed at parade

A resounding chorus of boos greeted Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick when he took the Red Wings celebratory stage Friday afternoon at Hart Plaza.



Judge to hear arguments in Kilpatrick case today

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert Colombo Jr. will hear arguments this morning on how far Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former aide Christine Beatty can be forced to give testimony in the Freedom of Information suit brought against the city of Detroit.

Document: Kilpatrick/Beatty witness list

The Free Press has obtained the prosecution's witness list for the September preliminary examination of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.

June 5, 2008

Worthy continues fight to disqualify entire court bench

Today, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy turned to the Michigan Court of Appeals in her continuing effort to disqualify the entire 36th District Court bench from hearing the case against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty.



Potential mayor witnesses named

Wayne County prosecutors are considering calling a sweeping array of witnesses -- including Kwame Kilpatrick's wife and parents -- against the Detroit mayor and his former chief aide Christine Beatty.



June 4, 2008

Transcript release is denied

A closed-door court hearing regarding the disclosure of text messages in the criminal case of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former aide will remain secret, at least for now, Detroit 36th District Judge Ronald Giles ruled Tuesday. While the Free Press said it will appeal the ruling, the mayor praised the judge for guarding his rights.



Plan on handling mayor case outlined

Gov. Jennifer Granholm revealed Tuesday how she'll consider the Detroit City Council's request that she remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office for his role in the text message scandal. In a letter to the council, Granholm's legal adviser, Kelly Keenan, detailed a two-step process before Granholm decides to hold hearing.

Granholm advised on removal process

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's lawyer proposes a two-stage process for considering whether to remove Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. The City Council voted May 13 to ask Granholm to oust Kilpatrick. Resolution backers say city lawyers misled them into approving an \$8.4-million settlement of a whistle-blower suit.

June 3, 2008

Granholm lawyer outlines 2-step plan for Detroit mayor case

Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Tuesday revealed how she'll consider the Detroit City Council's request that she remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office for his role in the text message scandal.

Judge refuses to release transcript of hearing with attorneys

Judge Ronald Giles refused this morning to release the transcript of a May 20 hearing in the judge's chambers with Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's and Christine Beatty's attorneys and the Wayne County prosecutor.



Hearing today to challenge closed session

The Free Press is expected to be in Detroit 36th District Court this morning challenging the closed-door session two weeks ago of Judge Ronald Giles with attorneys for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty.

June 2, 2008

Kilpatrick banks on ambiguous city charter to save him

As Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick prepares to fight his removal from office on two fronts, his legal strategy appears to rest largely on what constitutes "official misconduct."

May 31, 2008

Mayor loses step in privacy bid

Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. ruled Friday that the Free Press can ask the City of Detroit for communications -- including e-mails and text messages -- between Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former chief of staff Christine Beatty from last August until the newspaper published some messages in January.

Document: Read the mayor's veto message (PDF)

May 30, 2008

Pay city lawyers' legal fees, mayor asks

Two City of Detroit attorneys under investigation by the state Attorney Grievance Commission for their roles in the text message scandal would have legal bills from the inquiry covered by taxpayers, under a request from the mayor's office.

Judge: Free Press can ask for more text messages

A judge today ruled the Detroit Free Press can ask the City of Detroit for e-mails, text messages and other communications of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty from last August showing the mayor and his former top aide lied during a police whistle-blower lawsuit.

May 28, 2008

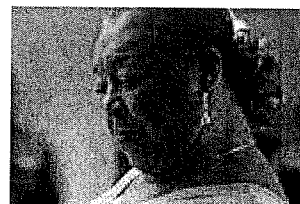
Kilpatrick vetoes removal effort

With a veto Tuesday, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick sought to overturn a historic City Council vote that called on Gov. Jennifer Granholm to remove him from office.



Collins supports overriding mayor's veto

One of the four Detroit City Council members who voted against asking Gov. Jennifer Granholm to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office said today that she would support overriding Kilpatrick's veto of the council's resolution supporting the request.



May 27, 2008

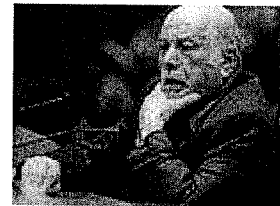
Mayor vetoes council resolution seeking his removal from office

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick vetoed today the resolution approved by the City Council asking Gov. Jennifer Granholm to remove Kilpatrick from office although Kilpatrick's veto will likely have little practical effect.



Council receives plan for mayor's ouster

Special attorney Bill Goodman presented Detroit City Council this morning with a roadmap to oust Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office.



May 24, 2008

Lawyers debate Beatty's rights

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's former chief of staff may be forced to answer questions about embarrassing text messages because she has forfeited some of her Fifth Amendment rights in a lawsuit, attorneys for the Free Press argued Friday.



May 22, 2008

Kilpatrick picks lawyers to take on Granholm's ouster inquiry

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick announced today his choices to represent him in Gov. Jennifer Granholm's review of the City Council's request that she remove Kilpatrick from office.



Granholm starts Kilpatrick ouster inquiry

Gov. Jennifer Granholm responded quickly Wednesday to the Detroit City Council's request that she remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office, by sending a letter to Kilpatrick and the council asking them to name their legal representatives.



Free Press to push for access to transcripts

The Free Press is expected today to challenge the legality of a district judge's decision to hold a closed hearing on a motion by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's lawyers to keep all evidence in his criminal trial -- including thousands of text messages -- out of public view.

The governor's letter

Here is the full text of the letter, dated Wednesday and addressed to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and City Council President Kenneth Cockrel Jr.: Re: In the Matter of the Request for the Removal of Kwame M. Kilpatrick from the Office of Mayor of the City of Detroit, No. EO-2008-004-LO

May 21, 2008

Granholtz asks mayor, Cockrel to quickly name their lawyers

UPDATED AT 8:35 P.M.: Gov. Jennifer Granholm responded quickly today to the Detroit City Council's request that she remove Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office, by sending a letter to Kilpatrick and the council asking them to name their legal representatives.



Scandal goes before governor

LANSING -- The meeting lasted just 20 minutes, and it was all business. But over a cup of coffee in the state's capital, the Detroit City Council's attorney handed over a historic request Tuesday to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's legal counsel asking that the governor remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office for official misconduct.



Mayor presses the limits of all decency

The extraordinary is becoming tragically ordinary in Detroit, thanks to Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, an accused felon who refuses to act like one. With city government paralyzed because of the mayor, he jetted off to Texas last weekend on "city business" (Right! Receipts, please?) and skipped a Tuesday court hearing.

Mayor's damage is statewide

It's time for all Michigan taxpayers to stand up and give notice, that after the latest investigation about Michigan grant money being funneled to Kwame Kilpatrick's pal and wife, we can all demand his resignation. ("Kilpatrick helped friends get grants," May 18.) It's time for the governor to do something about this mess.

Karmanos remark is disgusting

I read with absolute disgust the quote from Peter Karmanos that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick should not resign because he is "the best we have." ("Karmanos: Mayor shouldn't resign," May 17.) Since when is a person who has lied, cheated and misappropriated city money for his personal use the best in any universe?

Judge closes Kilpatrick hearing

In a highly unusual move, a judge Tuesday held a closed hearing over a motion filed



by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's defense team to keep thousands of text messages out of public view, then sealed transcripts of the hearing.

Lawyer drives himself to deliver

It was an ordinary drive on I-96 with an extraordinary purpose. With the Detroit City Council's request that Gov. Jennifer Granholm remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office sitting in the backseat of his Ford Escape hybrid, Bill Goodman, the council's independent attorney, made the 93-mile trip Tuesday from his office on Detroit's east side to Lansing.



Document: Granholm's reply to Kilpatrick, Cockrel

Read Governor Jennifer Granholm's reply to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Detroit City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. regarding the petition and charges she received today.

Mayoral veto gets overridden

A Detroit ordinance requiring all contracts for outside legal services to receive approval from the City Council was enacted Tuesday when the council voted 6-1 to override Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's veto.

May 20, 2008

Lawyers, judge discuss defense team's secret motion in chambers

A secret motion filed by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's defense team to keep thousands of text messages out of public view was discussed in a judge's chambers this morning, but a record of the proceedings has been sealed.



Kilpatrick veto on legal services ordinance overridden

The Detroit City Council voted 6-1 today to override Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's veto of a proposed ordinance requiring all contracts for outside legal services to receive council approval.

City Council's ouster request is delivered to Granholm's office

John Johnson Jr., the head of the city's Law Department, wrote the council today to complain that it sent its request to Granholm before the time allowed for Kilpatrick to veto the resolution passed by the council had expired. Johnson, the city's corporation counsel, said he only received the resolution asking Granholm to remove the mayor today.



Worthy fails to get judges excluded

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy hopes the fourth time is the charm. Worthy promised Monday that she would appeal, yet again, a judge's ruling that 36th District Judge Ronald Giles



or his colleagues can hear the early stages of the criminal cases against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former aide Christine Beatty.

Granholm's office could get request today

The Detroit City Council's request that Gov. Jennifer Granholm remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office could be hand-delivered to the governor's legal counsel today.



Video: Goodman delivers Detroit City Council's request to Lansing

Bill Goodman, the independent attorney hired by the City Council to assist with its investigation of the Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick scandal, drives to Lansing and meets with the governor's legal counsel, Kelly Keenan. He carries with him Detroit City Council's request that Gov. Jennifer Granholm remove Mayor Kilpatrick from office.



Document: Ken Cockrel Jr. affidavit

Read Detroit City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr.'s affidavit regarding the text-message scandal.

Document: Charges against the mayor

Read the charges the Detroit City Council filed against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick today.

Document: Petition, charges cover letter

Read the petition and charges cover letter the Detroit City Council filed against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick today.

May 19, 2008

Prosecutor to appeal judge's refusal to disqualify bench

UPDATED AT 7:50 P.M. -- Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy hopes the fourth time is the charm. Worthy vowed Monday that she will appeal, yet again, a judge's ruling that 36th District Court Judge Ronald Giles, or his colleagues, can hear the early stages of the criminal cases against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former aide Christine Beatty.



Kilpatrick vetoes rule requiring law firm deals to get council OK

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick today vetoed an ordinance requiring all contracts with outside law firms to receive City Council approval, a move the council made in the wake of the administration hiring several such firms because of the text-message scandal.



May 18, 2008

Kilpatrick helped friends get grants

The year before he was elected Detroit mayor in 2001, state Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick steered state grants to two Detroit nonprofit agencies that in turn agreed to pay \$175,000 of the grant money to a company owned by Kilpatrick's wife, according to records obtained by the Free Press.



Detroit 3D/Ferguson grant application -- June 2000 (PDF)

Vanguard grant agreement (PDF)

Letter from the state to Detroit 3D cancelling contract -- Nov. 2002 (PDF)

Letter from Detroit 3D to the state -- Feb. 2002 (PDF)

Letter from the state to Detroit 3D -- March 2002 (PDF)

Letter from the state to Detroit 3D -- Jan. 2002 (PDF)

Letter from the state to Detroit 3D -- Dec. 2001 (PDF)

Detroit 3D request for more money -- March 2001 (PDF)

Wire transfer to Kilpatrick company -- Dec. 2000 (PDF)

Contract between Detroit 3D and Carlita Kilpatrick's U.N.I.T.E. Inc. -- Nov. 2000 (PDF)

Detroit 3D/Ferguson grant application -- June 2000 (PDF)

List of projects funded by grants (PDF)

Carlita Kilpatrick's \$75,000 invoice to Vanguard (PDF)

Vanguard grant application (PDF)

Letter from the state raising questions about Detroit 3D grant -- Aug. 2001 (PDF)

Letter from Kilpatrick endorsing Ferguson/Vann grants (PDF)

Graphic of the money trail (PDF)

May 17, 2008

Mayor hosts private event to raise legal defense funds

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick spent the breakfast hour Friday raising money for his legal defense fund. Kilpatrick met with "a diverse gathering of supporters from corporate and civic backgrounds who are committed to the mayor's vigorous defense," said Chris Garrett, one of the mayor's Washington-based public relations consultants.



Mayor's policy on text messaging ridiculous

Just when you think the absurd conduct of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's administration can't get any more outrageous, the mayor takes it to the next level with his new policy declaring all communications by public employees on their city-issued communicating devices are henceforth secret.

Karmanos: Mayor shouldn't resign

Detroit business leader Peter Karmanos Jr. said Friday that he thinks embattled Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick should remain in office. "He certainly should not resign, because he's the best we have," the chairman and chief executive of Compuware Corp. told the Free Press during a company celebration at Campus Martius Park.

May 16, 2008

City edict now says all text messaging is private

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has implemented a new policy designed to make text messages sent on city-funded devices private and exempt from rules governing the city's electronic communications policy.

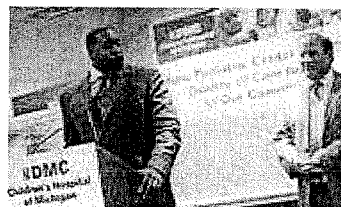


Council nips at mayor's power

The Detroit City Council is expected to vote Tuesday on whether to ask voters to change the city charter to give the council -- and not solely the mayor -- the power to hire and fire the city's top lawyer and to allow it to appoint members to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Amid scandal, mayor jokes through awkward moment

It was the kind of safe, controlled news media event Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick favors these days as he faces criminal charges and a City Council bid to remove him. He strode into a Children's Hospital news conference Thursday with aides to tout the planned construction of an outpatient medical building for children.



May 15, 2008

Kilpatrick enacts policy to limit access to the city's text messages

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has implemented a new policy designed to classify text messages sent on city-funded devices as private and exempt from rules governing the city's electronic communications system policy.



PDF: See the new policy

Mayor speaks after council's removal vote

In his first public appearance since Detroit City Council approved an effort to remove him from office, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick made light of his predicament. At the grand opening Wednesday night of the Detroit Police Department's new Central District station, Kilpatrick told the assembled crowd of neighborhood residents, police officials and others that they probably had a better day than he had.



Ouster is a long shot

Yes, without a doubt, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is guilty of many things. The laundry list gets bigger almost daily. But make no mistake, the man is not stupid. The council is following suit and doing what must be done to appease the people ("Council acts to force mayor out," May 14). However, we all know that the undertaking of forcing him out of office has the chances of a Hail Mary by the Lions against -- well, just about any team.

Kilpatrick, lone council member affable at DMC event

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May 14, 2008

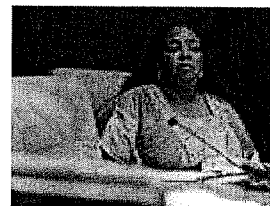
Council questions judge about not disqualifying the bench

Detroit City Council members are questioning the chief judge of the 36th District Court about her refusal to disqualify the entire bench from the criminal case against the mayor and his former chief of staff.



What Watson said to the mayor

It was a heart-to-heart between two elected officials, but may as well have been between Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his constituents. Or the mayor and a favorite, but disappointed aunt. It was a tête-a-tête where she would remind him: "You're a young man. You can come back!"



Insiders: City Council's move puts Granholm on the spot

Gov. Jennifer Granholm remained noncommittal Tuesday about what steps, if any, she might take now that she will receive a formal request from the Detroit City Council to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office. "We're not going to offer a reaction because we don't want to compromise the process," Granholm spokeswoman Liz Boyd said.



The mayor who scorns his city

Spare us, Mr. Mayor. Spare us the mounting spectacle of City Council hearings to bounce you from office, coupled with a governor's investigation into whether she ought to put you out. Spare us umpteen embarrassing images of you sitting at the defense table in a courtroom, fighting for your liberty while the whole city fights for its dignity.

Five votes put City Council on right path

The main thing here is to get the guy gone.

Council takes action to force Kilpatrick out

The Detroit City Council launched a historic effort Tuesday to pry Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office, approving -- by a single vote -- a two-front strategy for removal: asking the governor to oust the mayor while beginning its own effort to unseat him.



Attorneys see double court victories

Defense attorneys representing Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty left Detroit 36th District Court on Tuesday with two victories: a delay of the preliminary examination hearing until September and access to prosecution documents without paying thousands in up-front fees.



Kilpatrick, Beatty share hug at court

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty -- facing criminal charges stemming from an illicit affair -- exchanged a brief hallway hug Tuesday after hearings in 36th District Court. The mayor also appeared to give her a quick peck on the cheek before departing.

Detroiters are torn about council's vote

Detroit City Council members aren't the only ones divided about their decision to seek the ouster of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. City residents are just as torn.



A recall could move faster

There is another potential move the Detroit City Council could take outside of the steps initiated Tuesday to oust Mayor Kilpatrick: Council members, individually or as a group, could mount their own recall campaign.

May 13, 2008

City Council moves to oust mayor in day of history, drama

The Detroit City Council launched an historic effort today to pry Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office, approving -- by a single vote -- a two-front strategy by asking to ask Gov. Jennifer Granholm to remove Kilpatrick while starting its own process to expel the mayor.



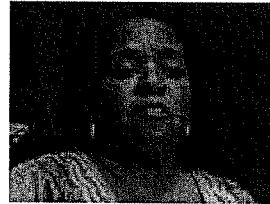
Video: City Council begins historic effort to remove mayor

It was a day of many historic events as the Detroit City Council voted to begin an effort to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office. Watch the day's events unfold here.



Inside Watson's heartfelt phone call asking mayor to resign

FREE PRESS EXCLUSIVE: It was a heart-to-heart between two elected officials, but may as well have been between Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his constituents. Or the mayor and a favorite, but disappointed aunt. It was a tete-a-tete where she would remind him: "You're a young man. You can come back!".



5 votes put the Detroit City Council on the right path

The main thing here is to get the guy gone. So five members of the Detroit City Council deserve credit for voting Tuesday to move on two fronts to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Either avenue, unfortunately, will take well into summer to pursue.



Please, enough is enough

Spare us, Mr. Mayor. Spare us the mounting spectacle of City Council hearings to bounce you from office, coupled with a governor's investigation into whether she wants you out.

Kilpatrick, Beatty prelim moved to Sept. 22

Defense attorneys left Detroit 36th District Court with two victories today that pushed back the preliminary examination for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty more than three months.



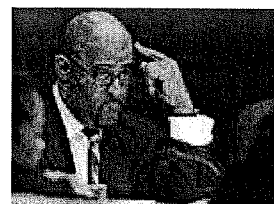
Video: Webb says mayor not resigning

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's lead criminal defense attorney, Dan Webb, in town for strategy sessions, told reporters that Kilpatrick has no plans for resignation.



Video: See council's historic vote

The Detroit City Council today voted to ask Gov. Jennifer Granholm to oust Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick as well as begin its own removal process.



Council plan: Try for ouster and involve governor

This morning's Detroit City Council meeting at which it will consider measures to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick either on its own or through Gov. Jennifer Granholm began at 10 a.m.



Mayor, Beatty legal teams in court today

Lawyers in the criminal case involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff will be in court this morning in an attempt to hash out terms for getting prosecutorial documents -- thought to include thousands of text messages.

Decision rested with Watson

Five seconds. That is how long it took for Detroit City Councilwoman JoAnn Watson to vote yay or nay on asking the governor to remove the mayor from office. Some in the audience held their breath. There was silence in the room for the first time since 10 a.m. And everything was riding on her answer.

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Reactions to the City Council's decision

Bill Goodman, special counsel to the City Council, said if the mayor tries to have the council's efforts to remove Kilpatrick blocked by the courts "my hands are tied, but not my mouth." "We go to work and get ready for both of these proceedings," he said referring to the resolutions on council removal, called forfeiture, and asking Gov. Jennifer Granholm to make her decision about removing Kilpatrick from office. Goodman called the council's vote today "hugely historic." Noting some council members were reluctant to go ahead with the resolutions, he called their votes "courageous."

May 12, 2008

Resolution calling for mayor's removal put on Tuesday's agenda

UPDATED AT 5:27 P.M.: The Detroit City Council has crafted a two-track path to ousting Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick by scheduling votes for today to launch the process of removing Kilpatrick while also asking Gov. Jennifer Granholm to expel him.



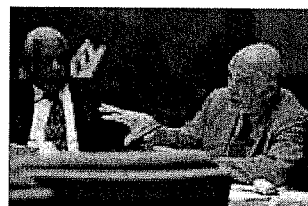
Video: Goodman discusses possibilities

Bill Goodman, Detroit City Council independent attorney describes possible actions that the City Council can take in regard to Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Council adds censure vote to agenda

UPDATED AT 12:03 P.M. -- The Detroit City Council voted 6-2 this morning in favor of putting a proposed censure of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for his handling of a whistle-blower lawsuit on Tuesday's formal council agenda, but it appears divided on what additional action, if any, to take against the mayor.



Video: Ken Cockrel Jr. comments

Kenneth Cockrel Jr., Detroit City Council President comments on the the council vote to place a resolution saying the mayor should be removed from office on Tuesday's formal council agenda. The council also voted to put on Tuesday's agenda a request for Gov. Jennifer Granholm to remove Kilpatrick from office.



May 10, 2008

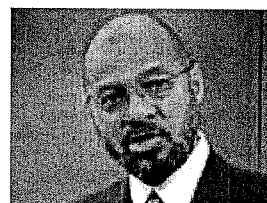
Kilpatrick stocks payroll with friends, kin

A Free Press examination of city records shows that at least 29 people with close connections to the mayor have been appointed by Kilpatrick to city jobs since he took office in 2002. That's a significant departure from Detroit's last three mayors, who appeared to have hired far fewer family members or friends.



City hasn't seen anything like it

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's record of employing family and friends far exceeds the appointments of other prominent local officials and previous Detroit mayors.



Collins: Going to governor to remove mayor is bad idea

Detroit City Councilwoman Barbara-Rose Collins said Friday she is leaning against asking the governor to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick because of the text-message scandal.

Documents cause defense uproar

A costly mountain of documents is poised to land on lawyers for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty as the two will face a preliminary examination in less than a month.

2002-2007: Who got the biggest raises?

This chart lists all of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's appointees who have served from 2002 through July 2007, the

latest period for which the city provided salary information. Appointees with close connections to the mayor or former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty have tended to receive higher salaries and raises than other mayoral appointees. Most of those who received significant raises assumed new responsibilities or were promoted.

Family and friends

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has appointed or promoted at least 29 of his or former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty's relatives and friends since Kilpatrick took office in 2002. Unlike the vast majority of city positions, these appointees do not have to go through a competitive examination process to get hired. They serve at the will of the mayor.

Firm close to contract tied to mayor backer

A member of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's legal defense fund is closer to having a company with which he has ties receive a \$4.5-million contract with the city. Minority Alliance Capital LLC would receive the money to install a new cash management system for the city under a contract approved Friday by a City Council committee.

May 9, 2008

State rep. calls on Granholm for help in mayor's ouster

UPDATED 3:54 PM: A state representative from Oakland County is calling for Gov. Jennifer Granholm to remove Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office because of the text-message scandal.



Council out of dispute in mayor's case

The Detroit City Council will not seek to intervene in the criminal case against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick -- for now.



Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's defense continues fight over document fees

A closed door session today with a judge did not resolve the continuing fight over document fees being charged by prosecutors in the perjury and obstruction of justice case against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty.



May 8, 2008

Goodman tells council intervention not needed in mayor's criminal case

The Detroit City Council this morning has decided against authorizing its independent attorney to intervene in the criminal case against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Evidence fee causes bickering

Prosecutors say there are 6,500 pages of evidence available for criminal defense lawyers for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty. The cost: \$1 a page -- a fee Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said is standard for criminal defendants who can afford a lawyer.



May 7, 2008

Kilpatrick lawyers say they can't get documents in criminal case

Lawyers for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff Christine Beatty say they can't get prosecutors to turn over evidence in the criminal case against the pair.

Council weighs options to punish mayor

Detroit City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. said Tuesday that a plea to Michigan's governor to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office or a vote to censure him seem to be the best options for the council, which wants to avoid a protracted and pricey legal battle to remove the mayor on its own. A vote could come as soon as next Tuesday.



May 6, 2008

Video: Council reviews Goodman report

In a closed session today at Detroit City Council, Bill Goodman, an independent attorney hired by the council, laid out three options for the council to pursue if it wishes to take action against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Council approves new ordinance on contracting legal services

All contracts sought by the City of Detroit for outside legal services would require City Council approval under a new ordinance approved today by the council. The existing law requires only those contracts of \$25,000 and up to receive council approval, but council members have accused the administration of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick of trying to circumvent the process with legal services contracts.

Getting the mayor to go is not rocket science

The principle of momentum says that the time rate of change of the total momentum of a system of particles is equal to the net external force. That's rocket science.

Questions and answers

If the Detroit City Council decides to act on the advice of its independent attorney to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office, there could be a messy legal fight. QUESTION: What problems might the council face if it votes to oust Kilpatrick?

A look at what Goodman told City Council

Following are excerpts from the report filed Monday by Detroit City Council attorney Bill Goodman, who concluded council has the legal authority under the city's charter to remove the mayor for his conduct in the text message scandal.

Date set for mayor case appeal

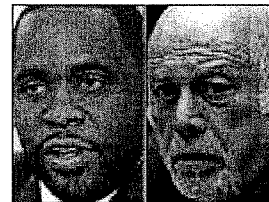
Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's appeal to disqualify the entire 36th District Court bench from presiding over a preliminary hearing for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty will be heard May 19 by Wayne County Chief Circuit Judge William Giovan.



May 5, 2008

Goodman: Council has the grounds to remove mayor from office

UPDATED AT 8:30 P.M. -- Detroit's City Council has the authority -- and ammunition -- to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, according to a scathing report from the attorney hired by council to investigate the text message scandal.



Document: Read Goodman's entire report

The Free Press has obtained a copy of a 35-page report by Bill Goodman, the City Council's private attorney, written to the council. Click the link above to read it.

May 4, 2008

After Kilpatrick: A wide range of electoral scenarios

Could Detroiters really elect a new mayor when they go to the polls this November to vote for a new president?

May 3, 2008

Worthy appeals, 'disturbed' by decision

The Wayne County prosecutor appealed Friday a decision to allow 36th District Court judges to preside over the criminal case against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.



May 2, 2008

Worthy files appeal in case against Mayor Kilpatrick, Christine Beatty

The Wayne County Prosecutor has appealed a decision to allow 36th District Court judges to preside over the criminal case against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.

Dickerson: Killing 2 birds with one stone

In the 100 days since the publication of text messages contradicting his sworn testimony made it clear to everyone but Kwame Kilpatrick that his days as Detroit's mayor were numbered, Kilpatrick's detractors have reluctantly concluded that it will take a criminal conviction to dislodge him from office.

Mayor's camp: Offer a desperate ploy

Prosecutor Kym Worthy's offer to meet with Christine Beatty and public assurances that witnesses are lined up to prove the authenticity of the mayor's text messages are ploys to save a thin case, defense lawyers said Thursday.



May 1, 2008

Kilpatrick lawyer: Stefani's motion was no smoking gun

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is desperate for new witnesses to come forward in her prosecution of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a lawyer for the mayor said today.



Worthy: Witnesses will verify messages

The day after Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick again contested the authenticity of damaging text messages he exchanged with his former chief of staff, a confident Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Wednesday that she has witnesses who can authenticate the texts.



Council's attorney to weigh in on Tuesday

The much-anticipated report from the Detroit City Council's independent attorney on findings about the text message scandal and recommendations about what the council should do will be presented Tuesday, the attorney said today.

Mayor's office cites concerns of a conflict for council's lawyer

Detroit Deputy Mayor Anthony Adams said Wednesday that the administration has concerns about City Council's independent attorney making policy recommendations about the Law Department because he has successfully sued the city in the past.

April 30, 2008

Deputy mayor sees conflict of interest with council's lawyer

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More texts rankle City Council

The release of a long-sought document Tuesday containing more damaging text messages by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick gave new energy to a City Council effort to remove the mayor from office.



Message grows clearer: Resign

New, messier text messages further impair Kwame Kilpatrick's ability to lead.

Council seeks more for watchdog role

Two Detroit City Council members said today while reviewing the budget for the city's Board of Ethics that they want to increase funding for the board so it has the necessary staff to fulfill its watchdog role given the text message scandal involving Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Mr. Mayor, you're no Rev. Wright

A lot of people are fascinated by the Rev. Jeremiah Wright's marathon campaign to reclaim and reframe his public persona. But no one is watching with keener interest than Kwame Kilpatrick, whose fondest wish is to do on a local level what Wright is doing on a national stage.

A look inside the court papers

Following are excerpts from a legal brief written by Mike Stefani, the lawyer for former Detroit police officers who last year won a whistle-blower lawsuit against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit.

Texts target Granholm, McPhail, voters

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's candid but less-than-kind text message about City Councilwoman Sheila Cockrel revealed in a legal brief released Tuesday was not the only time the mayor and his former chief of staff talked about their fellow public officials.



Stefani's brief walks a fine line for clients

Mike Stefani: extortionist? Or champion for his clients? Everyone seems to have an opinion.



Reactions to the mayor and the messages

"I personally have no confidence in those persons in the mayor's office and those who surround him in their ability to govern our city out of this quagmire that we find ourselves in at this time."

Council to oppose lawyers' dual roles

The Detroit City Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday stating it will oppose contracts for legal services with any firm deemed to have a conflict of interest with other city legal issues.

April 29, 2008

Read Kilpatrick's and Beatty's text messages

A Wayne County judge this morning ordered the release of a key document that prompted Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's secret \$8.4 million lawsuit settlement last fall in a police whistle-blower trial.



Click here to read the text messages

The following document contains some text messages that the Free Press had not previously published because of their sensitive nature or potentially offensive language. They are being published now because the judge's decision today makes them part of a public court record. [Click here to read the text messages](#) | [Printable version \(PDF\)](#)

Revelation of more text messages rankles Detroit City Council

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Message grows clearer: Resign

The basics didn't change Tuesday when a judge released a previously secret document that was pivotal to the text-message scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. But the details sure got messier, and the mayor's ability to function as a leader can only be further impaired.

Recovered computer files have played key role in big cases

Here's a computer secret most people don't know: The delete key doesn't really delete. A deleted computer file can usually be recovered, even if it seems to have been removed from your hard drive.

Public mess made from private messages

God is always watching and listening, our mamas told us, so do nothing wrong, anytime, anywhere.

Panel OKs recall language on Kilpatrick

The Wayne County Election Commission has approved revised language on petitions seeking to recall Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

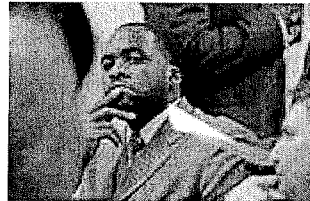


Kilpatrick's statement on possible City Council plea to governor

Mayor Kilpatrick is doing the work he was elected to do and has no plans of stopping.

Ruling expected on secret deal's key file

UPDATED AT 9:51 A.M. -- A Wayne County judge is expected to rule this morning on whether to release a key document that prompted Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's secret \$8.4-million lawsuit settlement last fall in a police whistle-blower trial.



April 28, 2008

Missing document key to \$8.4-million secret deal is recovered

A missing legal document that triggered an \$8.4 million deal to hide Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's damaging text messages has been recovered, the Free Press has learned.



April 26, 2008

E-mails show mayor's side feared leak of deal

E-mails released Friday in a Free Press lawsuit against the City of



Detroit show that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's city-paid attorney fretted about the release of a police whistle-blower settlement because of the "potential adverse impact" if the news media got ahold of it.

Business leaders fret about impact of blaming mayor

Metro Detroit's business leaders are split on whether to leave scandal-plagued Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick alone or push him to resign from office, in part because they are fearful of inflaming racial divisions in the region.



Another lawyer hired without council's OK

City of Detroit officials gave a contract to the private attorney hired to assist with requests in the criminal investigation of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick that was \$500 below the threshold that is required for council approval.

April 25, 2008

E-mails: Mayor's top lawyer fretted over settlement lingo

E-mails released today as part of a Free Press lawsuit against the city of Detroit show that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's top city-paid attorney fretted over the wording of a lawsuit settlement deal because of the "potential adverse impact" such language might have if the media got a hold of it.



Colombo wants missing attorney fee document

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert Colombo Jr. said today he wants Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to produce a missing document from a police whistle-blower trial that set off the text message scandal and led to perjury charges against Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty.

Judge allowed to preside over Kilpatrick case

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy pledged Thursday to appeal the decision by the chief judge of Detroit's 36th District Court not to disqualify Judge Ronald Giles or the full court from hearing the criminal case against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.

April 24, 2008

Wayne County judge will hear case against Kilpatrick, Beatty

Chief Judge Marilyn Atkins of Detroit's 36th District Court today denied a request to disqualify Judge Ronald Giles and the entire bench from hearing the case against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff Christine Beatty.



No easy way to oust

It would be shocking if William Goodman, the lawyer hired by the Detroit City Council to guide its investigation of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's text message scandal, doesn't draw some pretty strong conclusions in the report he is scheduled to deliver today.



Let mayor be, see all it gets us

Quit playing. The mayor and his chief of staff, according to the county prosecutor, use a city two-way to discuss a fired cop and steamy hookups? I know I've been gone for eight months, but stop me when I'm lying.

Council lawyer's report on scandal is delayed

The report from the Detroit City Council's independent attorney detailing his conclusions about the text message scandal has been delayed. Bill Goodman, hired to assist the council's investigation, said Wednesday he would submit his findings Tuesday or Wednesday next week, not today as had initially been expected.

April 18, 2008

Kilpatrick: Ousting me would be danger to city

UPDATED AT 7:05 P.M. -- Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said today that he should remain in office because the alternative would put a city and state in economic turmoil even more at risk.



Judge will rule within week on whether to disqualify judges

The chief judge of Detroit's 36th District court said she will rule within a week whether the entire bench will have to set aside from the case against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty.



Video: Pancake and Politics forum

Executives of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties discuss regional issues with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick at the Pancake and Politics forum at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The public asked questions ranging from the future of Cobo Center to what kind of classes a student should take to become a mayor.



April 14, 2008

Is Beatty a victim of gender injustice?

Anne Doyle, in her April 9 column, asserted that Christine Beatty has been treated unfairly because she is a woman ("The man keeps his mansion; the woman almost got tethered," April 9). While I do not deny that sexism exists and has played a role here, the primary reason that Kwame Kilpatrick enjoys the privileges and protections of his office is not because he is male, but because he is the mayor.

March 22, 2008

Contempt threats loom for law chief, official

The City of Detroit's top lawyer and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's cousin - a high-ranking city official -- could be held in contempt of court for not cooperating with the Wayne County prosecutor's criminal investigation of the mayor and his former chief of staff.



City council gains in effort to obtain secret documents

A Wayne County Circuit judge granted on Friday the Detroit City Council's request to intervene in a Free Press lawsuit seeking secret documents in the scandal that engulfed Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick after he abruptly settled police whistle-blower lawsuits for \$8.4 million.



Greene texting review set to go

A federal judge selected two magistrates Friday to review a slew of text messages in a lawsuit stemming from the 2003 shooting death of stripper Tamara Greene. U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen also denied a motion from City of Detroit lawyers to quash subpoenas served on SkyTel, the city's communications provider.



March 16, 2008

Attorney general said too much

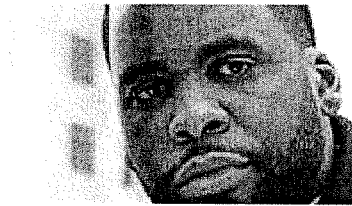
Of all the responses to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's conniption at the end of his State of the City address, I found state Attorney General Mike Cox's the most startling.



March 1, 2008

Mayors convention to skip city in wake of scandal

About 2,500 mayors and staff members who were to converge on Detroit in April -- bringing an economic boost and national exposure to a beleaguered city -- are rerouting to New Orleans.



Mayor's foe wants help from Granholm

A Detroit city councilman urged the council Friday to ask Gov. Jennifer Granholm to remove Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office, arguing that state law allows the governor to do what the council -- for now -- simply can't.

Mayor must keep focus, Ficano says

EAST LANSING -- Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said Friday that Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick should not resign, at least until investigations into the text message scandal are complete. Ficano said Kilpatrick still needs to focus on large issues confronting the city, such as expanding Cobo Center.

February 29, 2008

Council panel seeks mayor's resignation

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick vowed again Thursday not to resign over the text message scandal, but some stunned City Council members began moving toward the unprecedented action of removing the mayor from office if he doesn't quit.



Editorial: Lawyers deserve investigation, too

Do not overlook the lawyers. The Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission has ample reason to investigate all of those who had a hand in the text-message scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, himself an attorney, and initiate action over violations of ethical standards and rules of professional conduct.



Out and about, mayor is cheered

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick met Thursday with residents of the Greenhouse Senior Apartments on the city's west side, and said it was telling that they asked him about government services, not the text message scandal.

Editorial: Council must be strong on scandal and finances

The Detroit City Council can send a strong signal to Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick next week by passing a resolution that requests his resignation. Passing such a resolution is not the same as launching the formal process needed to remove him. But it would be a civic and political earthquake.



From our readers: Arrogance, instead of expertise, rules at City Hall

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and company really must believe Detroiters are stupid. Kilpatrick is convinced, arrogantly so, that he didn't commit a crime. He's a lawyer, and he doesn't know what perjury is? Kilpatrick and Sharon McPhail say nothing new came out in the released settlement documents. The City Council signing an agreement that was later discarded and replaced by two new documents isn't new?



Granholm: Act quickly to resolve scandal

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said Thursday that local authorities need to act quickly to resolve the text message scandal engulfing Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick before the state's and city's images are further damaged. Granholm declined to say whether she believed the mayor should resign, but noted that the scandal has invited potentially damaging national exposure.



February 28, 2008

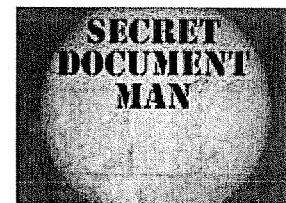
City Council committee resolution calls for Kilpatrick to resign

Detroit City Council member Kwame Kenyatta introduced a resolution today calling for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to resign.



Secret Document Man

Smart people would have taken a week to put this animation together. But we did it in one day.



Own up to it, Mr. Mayor: You've been hiding the truth

Now that all the documents are out in the light of day, you don't have to be a genius to figure out what Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was up to in the city hall text message scandal.

Video: Mayor Kilpatrick speaks at apartments

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick made his first public appearance Thursday at Greenhouse Senior Apartments, a day after final documents were released concerning the secret settlement agreement. He arrived at Greenhouse Senior Apartments to a crowd of news media who were told not to block his way to and



from the building. After his meeting, Kilpatrick took questions from the media.

Documents show keys to mayor's cover-up

Samuel McCargo stood alone in a parking lot, legal papers in hand, confronted by his client's lies. The lawyer for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick had just pored over documents he'd received in a sealed envelope from Mike Stefani, McCargo's courtroom adversary in a highly charged police whistle-blower case.



Ruling called victory for public, council

A Wayne County judge Wednesday released the last of the secret documents showing how Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his city-paid lawyers schemed to conceal text messages that could result in perjury charges against him and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.

5 defining moments in the deception

A shocking call -- and quick settlement

The painful truth about mayor's lies

The people won Wednesday when the state Supreme Court added its deciding voice to the now deafening legal chorus against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's ill-founded claim that you can cut private deals with public money. City tax dollars are not his to spend in secret. The people have a right to know how their money is being used.



Disclosure no big deal, mayor's office says

The administration of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick downplayed Wednesday the details of previously secret documents involving the settlement of police whistle-blower lawsuits.



The key events, people and relationships

Jury awards \$6.5 million to Deputy Police Chief Gary Brown and officer Harold Nelthrope, accepting their claims that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick retaliated against them for investigating alleged misconduct by the mayor and his security team that might have uncovered Kilpatrick's affair with chief of staff Christine Beatty. The mayor vows to appeal.

How the case progressed

A Wayne County judge, later backed by the state Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, ruled that documents involving the 2007 settlement of suits filed by three former police officers cannot be kept secret by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit. The courtroom exchanges were vivid and revealing, as the following excerpts show.



Investigators question council members

For Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, the self-imposed deadline of March 14 still stands. Worthy announced Feb. 13 that she would issue a decision within 30 days in her office's criminal investigation into possible perjury and other charges in the text message scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, Christine Beatty.



Who can trust the mayor or any of his staff now?

Although the Michigan Supreme Court has declined to take Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's appeal, there are still issues that need to be addressed.

Transcript reveals a tense 5 hours in Stefani's office

Mike Stefani sat in front of six lawyers. They peppered him with questions, bickered among themselves and even telephoned a judge twice to settle disputes. In the end, though, after he gave five hours of sworn testimony in a meeting room in his Royal Oak law office, Stefani's bottom line was plain and simple:

Ex-cops hope it's the end; others forgive mayor

Now that the state Supreme Court has had its say in the text message scandal surrounding Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, two former police officers whose whistle-blower lawsuit led to the sordid revelations are having theirs. Harold Nelthorpe said: "For the betterment of the citizens of Detroit, I believe the mayor should resign."



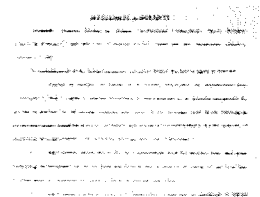
The first agreement, under wraps until now

Excerpts from the original settlement between Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and ex-cops who sued him and the city. Settlement Agreement

February 27, 2008

Video: Mayor schemed to conceal texts

A Wayne County judge today released the last remaining sealed documents, showing how Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his city-paid lawyers schemed to conceal incriminating text messages that could result in perjury charges against him and Christine Beatty.



New documents show mayor's cover-up

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Exclusive audio from deposition

Hear audio that was taken from a recording that the judge allowed Free Press attorney Herschel Fink to make during the January deposition of Mike Stefani, the attorney who represented two former police officers in a whistle-blower suit against the city and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Supreme Court unanimously backs release of documents

The Michigan Supreme Court refused today to take up Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's appeal in the text-messaging scandal, triggering the release of the last remaining documents of an \$8.4 million lawsuit settlement paid to three former Detroit cops.



Mayor should resign, ousted cop says

A former Detroit Police Deputy Chief, at the center of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's text-messaging scandal, said today that the mayor should resign.

Cockrel questioned in Worthy probe

Detroit City Council President Kenneth Cockrel Jr. was deposed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office this morning, the Free Press has learned.

Inside courtroom battles: 'Withhold nothing from the public'

A Wayne County judge, backed by a three-judge panel of the state Court of Appeals and by the state Supreme Court, ruled that documents involving the 2007 settlement of lawsuits filed by three former Detroit police officers cannot be kept secret by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit.

The city responds to the ruling

This is the complete statement from John Johnson Jr., corporation counsel for the the City of Detroit, in response to the Michigan Supreme Court ruling.

Council kept in dark on text messages

Detroit's Law Department violated its legal duties when it urged the City Council to settle police whistle-blower lawsuits for \$8.4 million without disclosing the existence of damaging text messages, legal experts said Tuesday.



DTE chief: Mayor's credibility hurt

DTE Energy Co. Chairman Anthony Earley Jr., a key backer of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's re-election bid in 2005, said Tuesday that he is now "extremely disappointed" with Kilpatrick, adding that the mayor's effectiveness and credibility have been damaged by the ongoing text message scandal.



Mayor texts dodge city rule

A directive signed by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick declaring "any electronic communication" on city systems to be public information contradicts his attorneys' legal argument that text messages he and his former chief of staff exchanged on city-issued paging devices were private.

Excerpts from memo

Following are excerpts from an Oct. 18 confidential memo by City of Detroit lawyers urging the City Council to pay an \$8.4-million settlement to three police whistle-blowers. On Gary Brown and Harold Nelthrope, who received \$8 million in the deal after winning a \$6.5-million jury verdict a month earlier:

SkyTel won't fight subpoenas

SkyTel is ready to comply with subpoenas for telecommunications of 34 City of Detroit employees in a lawyer's quest for information about the investigation into the killing of a stripper in 2003. She was linked to a rumored party at the mayoral Manoogian Mansion the year before.

Text-message scandal

Use our interactive timeline to catch up with our coverage of the text message scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

The cast of characters

Kwame Kilpatrick: After an initial silence, the Detroit mayor aggressively combatted the text-messaging scandal. He defended his efforts to conceal the messages by arguing they were not part of the lawsuits brought by police whistle-blowers and were signed by him and Christine Beatty as private individuals, not in their official roles. He also claimed they should be private because they were part of a mediation.

February 26, 2008

SkyTel waits for court to rule on city messages in stripper's case

SkyTel stands ready to comply with subpoenas for telecommunications of 34 city employees in a lawyer's quest for information about the investigation of the killing of a stripper who may have danced at a long-rumored party at the mayoral Manoogian Mansion in 2002.



February 25, 2008

Monica Conyers' chief of staff resigning

Sam Riddle, chief of staff to City Council President Pro Tem Monica Conyers, announced this morning he is stepping down to focus on campaigns for office this year.

February 24, 2008

Scandal puts mayor's strengths, lapses in judgment on display

On a sunny day in November, an ebullient Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick announced Quicken Loans would move its headquarters and 4,000 employees from Livonia to Detroit. He called it "a transformational movement in our city." It was one of his best days as mayor.

February 23, 2008

Cox wades into Kilpatrick appeal

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox filed a legal brief Friday in support of a Free Press lawsuit seeking the release of secret documents related to an \$8.4-million payout to three former Detroit cops who agreed to seal up incriminating text messages. But Cox stopped short of asking the Michigan Supreme Court to release all of the records the newspaper is seeking.



February 21, 2008

Notebook: Mayor gets different greetings at meeting

When Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick entered the City Council chamber Wednesday, how he greeted each council member was noteworthy. He hugged two members who tend to support his administration's initiatives, Martha Reeves and Alberta Tinsley-Talabi.

City: Stop text message subpoena

A lawyer representing Detroit city officials in a lawsuit brought by the son of a slain stripper filed a court request Wednesday to kill a subpoena for a slew of text messages, calling it overbroad and harassing.

February 20, 2008

Kilpatrick focuses on business despite specter of text scandal

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick gave a miniature State of the City speech this morning, briefing city council members on the state of the city's budget and mentioning his plans for an economic stimulus package.



Council rips mayor in court, but they'll do business today

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is using a "misbegotten" legal argument and trying to undermine state law in his bid to keep the lid on secret documents he used to settle police whistle-blower lawsuits last year, the City Council told the Michigan Supreme Court on Tuesday.



Video: Mayor, council stick to city business

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick addressed the city council this morning to talk about business of the city. Hear what he had to say after the meeting about the topics he chose to focus on.

February 17, 2008

Get mayor to resign his 'mission'

I am a good Christian, and from where I stand, anyone who lies, cheats and covets his neighbor's wife is not a messenger from my God. It disturbs me that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick can take the name of God to try to persuade the citizens of this great city to keep him as mayor.

February 16, 2008

Mayor Kilpatrick takes case to Michigan Supreme Court

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick took his text message scandal to the Michigan Supreme Court on Friday, urging justices to strike down decisions from two lower courts to provide the public with secret documents he used to settle police whistle-blower lawsuits last year for \$8.4 million.



Recall petitioner's effort faces tough road

A petition seeking to recall Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office was filed Friday in the Wayne County Clerk's Office, the first such move since the text message scandal broke last month. Douglas Johnson, 42, who moved back to Detroit four months ago from Sterling Heights, submitted the paperwork, listing eight reasons voters should remove Kilpatrick.



Q & A: Few appeals ever get hearings

What Friday's appeal means: QUESTION: Who will consider the case? ANSWER: The seven-member Michigan Supreme Court, which can meet in person or confer by phone. Decisions are by majority vote.

February 15, 2008

VIDEO: See the city file its appeal

The City of Detroit asked the Michigan Supreme Court to overturn a judge's decision ordering the release of secret documents in Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's text-messaging scandal.



Mayor takes decision on appeal to final day

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Thursday he hasn't decided whether he will go to the state Supreme Court to stop the release of the remaining secret settlement documents relating to police whistle-blower lawsuits last year.

Statement announcing appeal to Supreme Court

After a careful and thorough review of the legal issues involved, the City of Detroit is filing an appeal of the Michigan Court of Appeals decision with the Michigan Supreme Court.

Detroit man files paperwork seeking to recall Kilpatrick

A Detroit man filed paperwork with the Wayne County Clerk's Office today seeking to recall Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Court probes effort to influence appeals ruling

Even before Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick appealed a court order last week to release secret documents in the text message scandal, someone tried to lobby one of three judges on the appellate panel that was to review the case, the Free Press has learned.

Double standard lives at City Hall

In response to Laura Varon Brown's Feb. 12 column, "Why women should all be hopping mad": Where are the women of the city? On behalf of three, we're right here waiting to fight the fight for Christine Beatty to stay on.



February 14, 2008

City Council gives unanimous OK to appoint Goodman for probe

The Detroit City Council voted today to make prominent civil rights attorney Bill Goodman its independent attorney in the text message scandal involving Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Appeals court: Kilpatrick documents are public record

The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld on Wednesday a ruling that requires the City of Detroit to release all remaining secret documents that were part of an \$8.4-million police whistle-blower settlement last October.

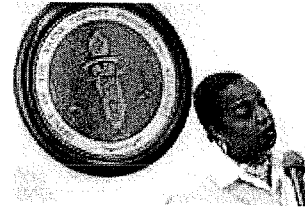


City council reacts to ruling

Several Detroit City Council members praised the appeals court ruling and urged the mayor not to appeal the release of secret settlement documents to the state Supreme Court: "It has been my belief as I've said earlier -- enough is enough. Whatever they contain, they should be public."

Worthy: A decision to come in next month

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Wednesday that the criminal investigation into the text message scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick likely will conclude within 30 days. Meanwhile, an independent investigation by the City Council has been delayed until at least today after the council realized that an earlier vote to hire its own lawyer was flawed.



Relatives of slain stripper want justice

Nearly five years after the slaying of stripper Tamara Greene, family and friends aren't sure how to interpret the new publicity surrounding her killing. But their desire for justice hasn't changed.



EDITORIAL: Case gets closer to disclosure, and to justice

The state Court of Appeals did not appear very impressed with the City of Detroit's case for keeping secret the details of an \$8.4-million agreement to settle a police whistle-blower lawsuit that featured Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick lying under oath.

February 13, 2008

Goodman to advise probe of text-message scandal

The Detroit City Council chose one of the city's most accomplished civil rights attorneys, Bill Goodman, on Tuesday to serve as its independent counsel in the text message scandal engulfing Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



February 12, 2008

Council demands documents from secret agreement

Detroit City Council voted today to demand that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's administration and his outside attorneys provide them all the documents that were part of the secret agreement the mayor made to settle a whistle-blower lawsuit.



February 11, 2008

Cockrel withdraws his choice of City Council attorney

Detroit City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. announced today that he is withdrawing his choice of Robert W. Palmer to serve as the council's independent attorney to represent its efforts to oppose Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's appeal to stop the release of key documents in the text message scandal.



February 10, 2008

Mayor's take on privacy disputed

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his legal team insist there was nothing unusual about demanding a confidentiality agreement that concealed damaging text messages as part of an \$8.4-million legal settlement with three former cops.



PAUL ANGER: Let's try to find some clarity in all the nonsense

When the Free Press broke the news that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick had lied under oath in a whistleblower trial that cost the City of Detroit \$9 million, the mayor went into seclusion.



RON DZWONKOWSKI: Should Kilpatrick resign? Whose call?

The Free Press editorial board has been hard on Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick since the text-message scandal erupted, and with good reason. He has become a huge disappointment, let the city down at a time when it so needs respectable leadership and will probably find himself soon enough on the wrong end of a criminal case.

STEPHEN HENDERSON: Detroit's character will be tested

Dispiriting is the word I keep coming back to. While I'm eating lunch in my office downtown, or shopping for groceries on the east side. Early in the morning while I'm checking e-mail in my downtown apartment. Or at 2 a.m. when I wake up and can't get back to sleep.

BRIAN DICKERSON: Inside the mayor's tsunami

Corruption is serious business, especially when it involves the waste of taxpayers' money. But cover-ups tend to be comical affairs, especially once they've reached an advanced state of decay.

EDITORIAL: Scandal impairs Kilpatrick's ability to do his job

Amid a Michigan economy that has ranged from shrinking to moribund since the turn of the century, the City of Detroit has been showing remarkable energy in the direction of renaissance, most of it downtown but recently moving into the neighborhoods. Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick deserves credit for stoking the city's momentum during his six-plus years in office, and he has irons yet in the fire.



READERS: Scandal shouldn't be surprise

Why is anyone surprised that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's lawyers are appealing and obstructing and claiming he did nothing wrong? Don't you think that mind-set and culture have pervaded the administration of the City of Detroit, Detroit Public Schools and the Wayne County Airport Authority? Lie, cheat, steal and spend taxpayers' money like it's Vegas, baby! And when you get caught, it's not your fault.



TIMELINE: From verdict to radio show

Key events related to the release of confidential documents in the \$8.4-million settlement of police whistle-blower lawsuits:

New subpoenas planned in investigation of stripper's death

The attorney for the son of a stripper whose killing is still unsolved plans to file new subpoenas Monday in the case. Attorney Norman Yatooma has already subpoenaed e-mails and text messages from 34 city officials, including Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, in the case. Yatooma said Saturday he could not say what the new subpoenas would request until they are filed Monday.



February 9, 2008

Mayor defends staying put in wake of growing text message scandal

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick defended his decision to stay on the job Friday, saying he was being unfairly attacked by the media. In his first extensive comments on the text message scandal enveloping his office, the mayor repeatedly invoked God in apologizing again for an extramarital affair and vowed to put the city first on every day that he remains Detroit's mayor.



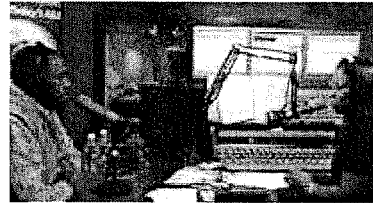
EDITORIAL: You can't hide accountability

Among the several issues of dubious merit raised Friday by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick in a radio interview was his contention that the kind of confidential agreement he signed to settle a lawsuit is commonly used to safeguard the privacy of parties in litigation. There was nothing common about the mayor's secret deal, which was less about privacy than about protecting Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty, his paramour and former chief of

staff, from possible prosecution for perjury. Such "private" agreements also cannot be built onto the payout of public funds.

RADIO INTERVIEW: A cover-up? 'Absolutely not'

Excerpts of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's radio interview Friday: Frankie Darcell, WMXD-FM host: ... What were you thinking?



What mayor said vs. what records show

During a Friday radio appearance on WMXD-FM (92.3), Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick spoke with host Frankie Darcell about the text message scandal that has rocked his administration. The following are excerpts of his comments versus what court records show or what people had to say in response to the mayor.

Beatty's city employment ends; no severance, pension

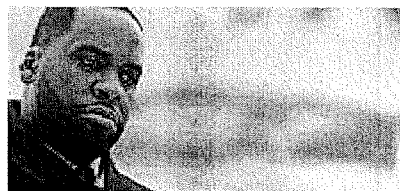
The woman at the center of the text message scandal quietly ended her last day as chief of staff for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



February 8, 2008

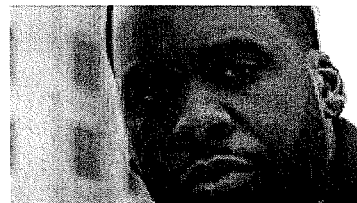
Mayor emphasizes devotion to Detroit, says secrecy was necessary

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick defended his decision to stay on the job Friday, saying he was being unfairly attacked by the media.



VIDEO: Mayor talks about confidential agreement

After a confidential agreement was released on Friday morning between Kwame Kilpatrick and three fired cops, the mayor brushed off members of the media at Winter Blast before taking part in a radio interview on MIX 92.3 FM with Frankie Darcell. See the day's events unfold and hear what the mayor had to say about the Free Press' continued investigation into the whistle-blower case.



Transcript of Frankie Darcell's interview with the mayor

MS. DARCELL: A couple minutes now past 1:00 o'clock, Frankie Darcell with you. Thank you so much for joining

us. And of course in the studio, as promised, the Honorable Mayor Kwame Malik Kilpatrick in the studio with us.

Hear the mayor's interview courtesy of Mix 92.3 FM

Hear audio from the interview courtesy of Mix 92.3 FM with Frankie Darcell.

VIDEO: Mayor interview

With Frankie Darcell on Mix 92.3

VIDEO: Mayor interview (Part 2)

With Frankie Darcell on Mix 92.3

VIDEO: Free Press chats with Mix 92.3's Frankie Darcell

Frankie Darcell, Mix 92.3 radio personality, talks to the Free Press about her interview with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick on her show this morning.

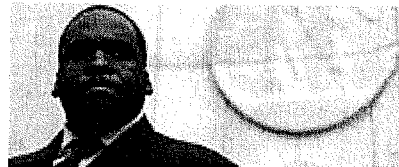


VIDEO: Mayor interview (Part 3)

With Frankie Darcell on Mix 92.3

Judge releases key documents in Kilpatrick text-message scandal

Wayne Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. this morning released copies of three documents in the text-messaging scandal that has engulfed Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



Kilpatrick promises answers on Darcell radio show at 1 today

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick refused Friday to answer any questions on his way into the Winter Blast kickoff ceremony at Campus Martius.

DOCUMENT: Exhibit 8: Text messages were to be stored in bank box

The text that follows is part of the city's first secret agreement to conceal damaging text messages as part of an \$8.4 million settlement of police whistleblower lawsuits.

DOCUMENT: Exhibit 9: Kilpatrick's approval of the settlement

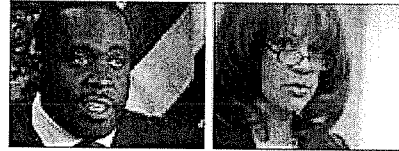
The following text is Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's approval of the \$8.4-million settlement pact with police officers who filed the whistleblower's suit against him and the City of Detroit.

DOCUMENT: Exhibit 13: The secret deal to hide the text messages

This is the full text of a secret agreement dated Nov. 1, 2007, that includes provisions to conceal damaging text messages between Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his then-chief of staff Christine Beatty.

Mayor Kilpatrick signed agreement to keep text messages secret

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick personally approved a cover-up of explosive text messages between him and his top aide Christine Beatty as part of an \$8.4-million trial settlement last year, according to documents the city agreed Thursday to make public.



STEPHEN HENDERSON: Demand better answers, Detroit

We don't deserve any better than this, Detroit. Not if we don't ask for it. Demand it. Yell for it. March for it.

Council seeks outside lawyer to intervene

Calling the city's Law Department compromised, the Detroit City Council president moved Thursday to hire an independent attorney to halt an emergency appeal that seeks to stop the release of several key documents in the text message scandal involving Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.



OCT. 14, 2004: Bank gave mayor's aide \$12,000 boost

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's chief of staff received a \$12,000 grant from Fifth Third Bank -- nearly five times what the bank offers others -- to help her buy a home in Detroit's upscale Rosedale Park neighborhood, according to records the Free Press obtained.

Reaction to proposal

A Detroit City Council resolution introduced Thursday proposes hiring a special counsel to represent the council's interests in the city's appeal of Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr.'s ruling releasing documents in the scandal involving Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Reaction to that proposed resolution:

The mayor's statement: 'No secret deals exist'

Transcript from the statement Sharon McPhail, general counsel for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, read Thursday evening: Good evening, everyone. I'm going to read a statement on behalf of the mayor now.



McPhail insistence puzzles 2 ex-cops

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his lawyer have insisted this week that preserving the privacy of medical

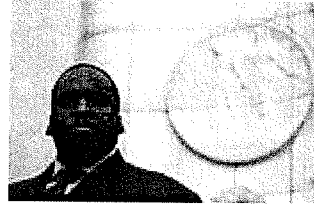
records is one of the main reasons they oppose releasing documents relating to an \$8.4-million settlement of police lawsuits.

Judge to city: Why not save stripper messages?

A federal judge told the City of Detroit on Thursday to explain why he shouldn't order a telecommunications firm to preserve the text messages of 34 city employees who may know something about the investigation of the killing of a stripper who may have danced at a long-rumored party at the mayoral Manoogian Mansion in the fall of 2002.

TIMELINE: The sequence from verdict to today

Key events related to confidential documents in the \$8.4-million settlement of police whistle-blower lawsuits last October:



For good of city, put an end to legal games and denials

Detroit City Council member Sheila Cockrel may have said it best Thursday: "Let's stop all this stuff and deal with the consequences." Indeed.

February 7, 2008

EDITORIAL: For good of city, put an end to legal games and denials

Detroit City Council member Sheila Cockrel may have said it best Thursday: "Let's stop all this stuff and deal with the consequences."

Transcript of the statement read by Sharon McPhail

Transcript from the statement Sharon McPhail, general counsel for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, read on Thursday night:

Kilpatrick's campaign spent big on lawyers

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's campaign committee spent almost 27% of the money it paid out in 2007 on lawyers, according to documents the campaign filed. Campaign finance chairman Gregory Terrell couldn't explain Wednesday why the campaign needed to spend \$180,000 on legal fees in 2007 or \$150,000 in 2006, which was 18% of the total the campaign spent that year.

Mayor: Appealing secret document release is right move

WASHINGTON -- Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick defended on Wednesday his efforts to prevent the public from seeing the secret documents that prompted his \$8.4-million settlement with three former cops who sued him. "We want the public to have all the information the public wants to have," Kilpatrick told the Free Press after addressing a congressional committee.



February 6, 2008

Mayor's secrets unraveling as text message scandal grows

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick suffered two major setbacks Tuesday in his battle to contain a growing text message scandal that already has placed him under criminal investigation.



Council launches audit of mayor

Shell-shocked by the news that secret settlement documents existed in whistle-blower lawsuits against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, the Detroit City Council voted 7-1 Tuesday to authorize a financial investigation into the mayor's office and the city's Law Department, back to the start of 2002.



STEPHEN HENDERSON: We pay for a cover-up on top of deceit

Fraud. Get used to that word, Detroit, because I think you're going to hear it a lot in the coming days and weeks with regard to Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's burgeoning text message scandal.

See Kilpatrick fly!

An animated cartoon from Mike Thompson



Colombo described as blunt but fair, decisive

Robert Colombo Jr. is all business all of the time -- at least when he's sitting on the bench at Wayne County Circuit Court, lawyers say.



EDITORIAL: An affront to the city

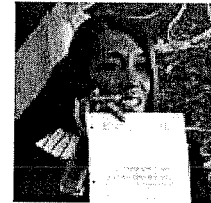
Cheat, lie and steal. It becomes increasingly evident that Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick did all three and boldly tapped the taxpayers of Detroit for a \$9-million cover-up. In the process, he tried to ruin the careers of several city police officers who really were looking out for Detroit's best interests.

Penalties possible for the attorneys

Legal experts said Tuesday that lawyers for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit might face professional or even criminal sanctions if they tried to conceal text messages knowing that the messages showed false testimony by the mayor.

What happened since the verdict

Key events leading to a judge's ruling Tuesday ordering the release of confidential documents related to the \$8.4-million settlement of police whistle-blower lawsuits last October:



Judge's decision on secret pact

In ordering the release of confidential documents, Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. identified one of them as Exhibit 13, a secret agreement signed by "private individuals" as part of an effort to prevent the disclosure of text messages between Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and then-Chief of Staff Christine Beatty.



Views from around town

"I don't think the city should be held up to ridicule for his behavior. ... He's never been called to task for anything that he's done. ... I would like for him to be treated like any other citizen. ... I want, as a city official, that he not be given a day pass." Carolyn Harrington, 55, of Detroit

City does not file appeal immediately

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's attorneys had not contacted the Michigan Court of Appeals by late Tuesday to contest Judge Robert Colombo Jr.'s ruling to open confidential settlement documents in the text message scandal.

How the public freedom act works

Michigan's Freedom of Information Act gives citizens access to most public records.

Let this scandal be a lesson to voters everywhere

I hope that people have learned at least one lesson from the latest scandal in Detroit: to vote and to vote wisely. Whenever there is an election, all qualified voters should be at the polls. However, before they vote, they should find out all they can about the candidates and not just from what the candidates themselves say. What candidates say can be very self-serving.

February 5, 2008

Kilpatrick will appeal judge's order to release documents

A judge this morning ordered the release of secret documents revealing that Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick settled a police whistle-blower lawsuit for \$8.4 million last October to keep from public view text messages that showed he and his chief of



staff lied under oath.

EDITORIAL: An affront to the city

Cheat, lie and steal.

City Council authorizes financial audit of mayor's office

The Detroit City Council this morning approved a resolution to authorize the city auditor general to conduct a financial audit of the mayor's office.

February 4, 2008

OTHER POINTS OF VIEW: If reports check out, State Bar should take action

The membership directory of the State Bar of Michigan includes the following entry for Kwame Kilpatrick: Kwame M. Kilpatrick -- P60494 Mayor, City of Detroit

OTHER POINTS OF VIEW: Unless convicted, mayor should not resign

It is a fundamental principle of the American democratic political system that elected officials should not resign from office, despite allegedly improper actions or claims of "scandal."

February 3, 2008

Rebound for Kwame Kilpatrick is possible, experts say

It seemed that Kwame Kilpatrick could do anything he wanted in 2000. A Democratic state lawmaker with a proven political pedigree, Kilpatrick was seen as a rising star in a party eager to showcase its African-American leaders.



BRIAN DICKERSON: Kilpatrick's Angels: Female trio key to his survival

Behind every great man," Jim Carrey observed in the 2003 comedy "Bruce Almighty," "is a woman rolling her eyes."

February 2, 2008

Mayor wishes Beatty well, says scandal is blow to city

What usually would have been a humdrum round of ribbon cutting, ceremonial inspections and civic back-slapping became premier media events Friday as Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick made his first public rounds since the text message scandal hit his administration.



Messages sought in stripper's death

An attorney representing the son of a slain stripper known as Strawberry is seeking text messages from 34 people, including Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, key members of his security team and the city's police chief.

Kilpatrick loses voter support, poll shows

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's popularity with voters has declined sharply in the wake of revelations that he lied under oath about an extramarital affair, with only 25% of those who voted in the last mayoral election supporting him today, according to a poll released Friday.

February 1, 2008

VIDEO: Mayor Kilpatrick makes public appearance

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick made a public appearance this morning at a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly refurbished Southfield Transfer Station. He talked about the transfer station and took reporter's questions regarding the text message scandal.



Mayor ventures out today for first time since scandal broke

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick made his first public appearance this morning at a ribbon cutting for the Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Authority's newly refurbished Southfield Transfer Station in Detroit.



Mayor's apology falls short

Mr. Mayor, you said you won't quit on us. Then please quit for us. The last thing we need is to see you hauled out of the mayor's office or residence in handcuffs. In case you forgot, perjury is a crime.



Kilpatrick has proved he can lead city's recovery

As the housing market continues its free fall and the price of gas and goods continues to rise, the talk of recession is buzzing not only on Wall Street, but also on Main Street U.S.A.



City Hall memo: Resist the hounds!

It's an odd response to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's self-created text message scandal, the buttoning up of the Coleman A. Young Building against reporters Thursday afternoon.

January 31, 2008

Granholtz proposes more aid for state universities

Gov. Jennifer Granholtz said Thursday she will propose more state money for public universities in her 2008-09 budget plan next week, and will insist that they hold tuition hikes within the inflation rate, even if it means dipping into their private endowments.

Granholtz says scandal can't slow down work

Gov. Jennifer Granholtz said Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's televised apology Wednesday "made me very sad, sad for him and for his family."

Kilpatrick reports to work after public apology

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick reported for work at City Hall Thursday, the morning after his televised apology. Speaking about the text message scandal for the first time publicly Wednesday, Kilpatrick apologized repeatedly to residents, supporters, opponents, his wife and his three sons for what he called "the embarrassment and disappointment" of the past few days.



STEPHEN HENDERSON: Personal message overlooks harm to city

It's business, Mr. Mayor. Not personal. The scandal that's engulfing Kwame Kilpatrick's administration, the one he caused with his own behavior, is not fundamentally about his marriage, his family or his feelings about this great city.



Apology accepted, but behavior isn't

Metro Detroiters cut Kwame Kilpatrick, the rueful husband, some slack Wednesday night but gave the besieged politician a harsher assessment. "I wanted Kwame Kilpatrick the mayor," said Ron Liscombe, a 34-year-old Detroit attorney.



Heated views clash on the cold streets

When the chants of "Resign" came face to face with those of "Don't go," there was no doubting the emotions stoked by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's text messaging scandal.



COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT: Private pain the focus

This is the complete transcript of the televised speech Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his wife, Carlita Kilpatrick, gave to Detroit on Wednesday night: KWAME KILPATRICK: Good evening, Detroit. I want to start tonight by saying to the citizens of this great city, I'm sorry.



EDITORIAL: Rebuilding trust will be toughest test

He's sorry. Really sorry. And Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick genuinely looked it Wednesday night in the apology he delivered from his church. It was a fine performance that likely won the mayor some sympathy.

Business leaders have a tough choice

Some of Detroit's most influential business leaders catapulted Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to a stunning, come-from-behind re-election victory in 2005 by bankrolling a hard-hitting advertising blitz against his opponent, Freman Hendrix, in the final days of that campaign.

First lady is thrust into the spotlight

In recent days, Carlita Kilpatrick has joined a growing list of women who have had to endure the intense scrutiny and humiliation that comes with their husbands' extramarital affairs becoming public.

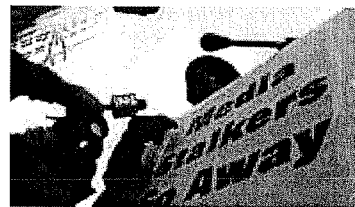
Secret deal's details stay secret for now

Mike Stefani, a lawyer for three ex-cops whose mistreatment cost Detroit taxpayers more than \$9 million, gave sworn testimony Wednesday about an alleged secret deal he made with the city and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to settle the cases.



VIDEO: Kilpatrick supporters, critics protest at city hall

Kwame Kilpatrick supporters and critics held simultaneous protests at city hall on Wednesday. The downtown protest erupted into a shouting match at times and nearly turned aggressive as the two sides voiced differing opinions.



Reaction to the speech

"It was an extremely tough speech for the mayor to give under any circumstance. I just have one question: I wonder if Carlita has a sister at home. She was outstanding. For her to stand there and speak as eloquently as she did, she helped Kwame's cause immensely. Where do you find a woman like that? But the important thing is, he's going to go to work tomorrow and that's probably the best therapy for the mayor and the city."

FROM OUR READERS: Mayor's touching apology is too little and too late

Wonderful public apology to his children and wife. Apologizing to the citizens of Detroit, too. What else did we expect from someone who put his hand on a Holy Bible and lied under oath to the people in the courtroom, to his wife and children, and to the citizens of Detroit? This apology is \$9 million too late. John M. Leidlein Jr.

January 30, 2008

Kilpatrick apologizes to Detroit, but says: 'I would never quit on you'

UPDATED AT 10:30 P.M. -- Speaking at length about the text-message scandal for the first time publicly Wednesday night, as he held hands with his wife Carlita, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick apologized repeatedly to residents, supporters, opponents, his wife and his sons for what he called "the embarrassment and disappointment" of the past few days.



VIDEO: Mayor jostles photographer

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick jostled a Free Press photographer on his way to deliver an emotional televised apology to Detroiters and his family at a west side church Wednesday evening.

TOM WALSH: Detroit's business leaders face a dilemma

Some of Detroit's most influential business leaders catapulted Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to a stunning, come-from-behind re-election victory in 2005 by bankrolling a hard-hitting \$230,000 advertising blitz against his opponent, Freman Hendrix, in the final days of that campaign.

Detroit City Council members have mixed reactions to speech

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's speech tonight addressing the text message scandal that has rocked his administration drew a mixed reaction from City Council members.

VIDEO: Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick addresses text-message scandal

Addressing the text-message scandal for the first time, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick apologized repeatedly to residents, supporters, opponents, his wife and sons for what he called "the embarrassment and disappointment" of the past few days.



MIKE THOMPSON CARTOON: Kilpatrick's televised speech



Dueling rallies: 'Don't go' vs. 'Quit'

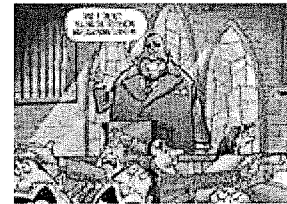
UPDATED AT 5:55 p.m. -- Hundreds of demonstrators, both supportive and in opposition to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, are demonstrating in front of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.



In tough times, Carlita Kilpatrick stands by her husband

In recent days, Carlita Kilpatrick has joined a growing list of women who have had to endure the immense scrutiny - and humiliation - that comes when their husband's extramarital affairs are made public.

MIKE THOMPSON CARTOON: Kilpatrick breaks the silence



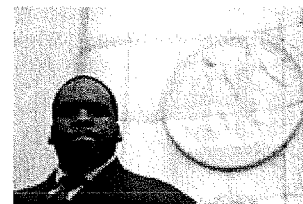
Mayor to apologize but won't quit job

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick plans to emerge from seclusion tonight and apologize to Detroiters from his church after a week of metastasizing controversy, expanding national coverage and a mounting circus atmosphere surrounding his possible perjury in the text message scandal. The mayor has no plans to quit, aides said Tuesday.



Posh N.C. resort confirms mayor's massage for two

ASHEVILLE, N.C. -- Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's office insists he stayed alone at a luxury resort during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, but the hotel's chief executive told the Free Press on Tuesday that the mayor and another person shared a couple's massage.



Mayor's buddy now his right-hand man

In the greatest crisis of his political career, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick turned Tuesday to a childhood buddy to run his office. As the person who will oversee many of the city's day-to-day operations, Kandia Milton takes the helm of an administration under siege by union leaders, residents and political activists calling for the mayor's ouster.



EDITORIAL: Speak to full scope of crisis

After a week at Fortress Manoogian, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will finally surface tonight to address the very serious issues he has created for his administration and the city. It's about time the mayor began trying to repair the wreckage.

Demonstrations planned both for, against Kilpatrick

The intersection of Jefferson and Woodward today will be the public testing point of forces supporting Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and those hoping to unseat him. City unions and political groups have been organizing a demonstration outside the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center for 4:15 p.m. to urge Kilpatrick to resign.

Above all else, focus on city's progress

This is the time to stay focused, Detroit.



January 29, 2008

Meeting at Kilpatrick's home breaks up

A meeting at Detroit's mayoral Manoogian Mansion broke up shortly before noon today, and Deputy Mayor Anthony Adams told reporters there would be a statement.



Kilpatrick expected to break silence Wednesday night

UPDATED AT 9:55 P.M.: Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick plans to emerge from seclusion Wednesday night and apologize to Detroiters from his church after a week of metastasizing controversy, expanding national coverage and a mounting circus atmosphere surrounding his possible perjury in the text message scandal.



Mayor's new chief of staff declared bankruptcy in 2006

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's new chief of staff, Kandia Milton, can relate to the financial double whammy many Detroiters face with adjustable rate mortgages and declining property values, his lawyer said today.

Kilpatrick appoints new chief of staff

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick announced in a press release this morning he is naming longtime top aide Kandia Milton as his new chief of staff to replace the resigning Christine Beatty.



News release announcing new chief of staff

Following is a news release from the city of Detroit:

Short-handed council rejects investigation of Kilpatrick

The Detroit City Council rejected today a call from two of its members to investigate whether Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick misled it into approving an \$8.4 million settlement with three police officers who sued the city.



Kilpatrick resigns from board at alma mater Florida A&M

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has resigned from the Florida A&M University foundation board, university officials told the Free Press.

'Good Morning America' takes up text-messaging scandal

Detroit's text-messaging scandal put it on "Good Morning America" today. The program said the scandal "has provoked near political paralysis in a major American city."

Mayor's attorney traveled to SkyTel

Within days of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's surprising settlement of a police whistle-blower lawsuit for \$8.4 million last October, one of his attorneys traveled to Mississippi to express concern about any further release of embarrassing text messages, the Free Press has learned.



VIDEO: Monica Conyers talks to media after City Council meeting

Monica Conyers, President Pro Tem of the Detroit City Council, speaks to the media after the council meeting on Tuesday afternoon.



VIDEO: City Council discusses text message scandal

Detroit City Council members discuss if there should be an investigation for misuse of city funds.



Kilpatrick, Beatty may not have to pay back money

Slim to none. Those are the chances legal experts give the Detroit City Council or taxpayers of successfully suing Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former chief of staff Christine Beatty to recover \$9 million the city paid to settle police whistle-blower suits.



Mayor's silence compounds turmoil of text-message scandal

The state of the city is ... on hold. And the longer Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick refuses to publicly address the evidence that he lied under oath about an extramarital affair with Christine Beatty, his chief of staff, the more the city stands to lose, in credibility and decisions not being made.



January 28, 2008

Council members want to probe scandal after Beatty resigns

Two Detroit city councilmembers called today for the council to investigate the scandal engulfing Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and probe the contradictions between Kilpatrick's sworn testimony in a whistleblower lawsuit against the city and text messages he exchanged with Chief of Staff Christine Beatty.



McPhail predicts Kilpatrick won't be charged in text scandal

Sharon McPhail, one of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's top aides, said today that she believes Kilpatrick will not be charged with perjury despite contradictions between his testimony in court in a whistleblower case and text messages sent between him and his chief of staff.



Mayor Kilpatrick seen, not heard

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick appeared to have returned home with his family to the Manoogian Mansion on Sunday afternoon, amid questions about when he would address the controversy surrounding the text message scandal.



January 27, 2008

City funds helped pay for mayor, chief of staff's rendezvous

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick used city funds at times to cover personal travel expenses with chief of staff Christine Beatty as they rendezvoused across the United States during their affair, records obtained by the Free Press show.



Tracking the mayor's intimate text messages was a search for truth

Five years ago, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty, his chief of staff, were having an affair. That revelation in text messages published this week by the Free Press and freep.com would not have been top-of-page news except for this: The affair cost the City of Detroit more than \$9 million, former police officers lost their careers because of it and Kilpatrick and Beatty lied all those years about their intimacy.



City deserves truth and full pursuit of justice

When Kwame Kilpatrick was sworn in as mayor six years ago, he gave a stirring speech, imploring the people of Detroit to "rise up" for their city. It's time for the people to "rise up" again.

RON DZWONKOWSKI: Kilpatrick had right stuff to lead, but abused it

I first met Kwame Kilpatrick in January 2001 and pegged him instantly as a future mayor of Detroit. He had a commanding presence, an engaging style, and a good grasp of issues. He was cocky, sure, but also had a self-effacing sense of humor and, more important, a sense of destiny.



STEPHEN HENDERSON: To fix things, mayor must pay back city

Pay it back. Whether Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick stays or goes is his decision. That's about the trust he may or may not be able to rebuild with the city's residents.

Say 'no more' to lies, waste

Where else but in the City of Detroit can you find more cronyism? When will true Detroit citizens wake up to the fact that we have a mayor who lies, cheats on his family, and pilfers the citizens of Detroit for every penny he can get, and we think this is OK? Put this right up with the Detroit Board of Education and the administration of the Detroit Public Schools who think it is perfectly OK to squander our hard-earned tax dollars on useless trips. When will it all stop?

January 26, 2008

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personal travel expenses with chief of staff Christine Beatty as they rendezvoused across the United States during their affair, records obtained by the Free Press show.

Lawyer: Beatty out but not quitting

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's chief of staff, Christine Beatty, is staying away from the office, but her attorney said Friday that she has no plans to resign. The lawyer, Elliott Hall, said Beatty is still out of town "and going to sit tight right now."



Kilpatrick's reported tryst saddens N.C. King event organizers

ASHEVILLE, N.C. -- Reports that Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick had a woman other than his wife with him at the Grove Park Inn before speaking at the Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast left event organizers disappointed Friday.

City union disgust with mayor grows

The largest union local representing city workers called Friday for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's resignation, and next Wednesday -- with or without the mayor's presence on the 11th floor of City Hall -- city employees are expected to protest outside the building to drive their point home.

Ex-cops' lawyer must tell more about the deal

A Wayne County judge Friday ordered Mike Stefani, the lawyer for two former Detroit police officers awarded \$8.4 million in a whistle-blower lawsuit against Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, to submit to a Free Press deposition to tell what he knows about confidential agreements to settle the suit.

Messages from Freep readers

More than 1,300 messages have been posted on freep.com since Wednesday night when the Free Press broke the story about Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick lying under oath. It is the largest single forum string ever on the Free Press site. A representative sampling of the newest messages, worded as posted:

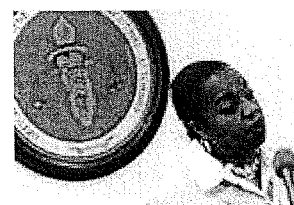
Adams runs city temporarily

With Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his chief of staff both in seclusion, Deputy Mayor Anthony Adams, who has served in that position for three years under Kilpatrick, is handling the mayor's duties.



Prosecutor promises a full investigation

Seven hours after Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced she was wading into the text message scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his chief of staff, the prosecutor confirmed Friday that the mayor called her this week to tell her he would remain neutral in her upcoming re-election bid.



Mayor Kilpatrick lost city's respect

In response to Stephen Henderson's Jan. 24 column ("For mayor and city, lies undermine so much potential"): I do not feel betrayed by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick; I never believed his "family man" facade to begin with. It has always been widely known in Detroit social circles that the mayor and Christine Beatty were intimately involved and that both were prolific texters, without regard to their surroundings.



January 25, 2008

Kilpatrick called Worthy before scandal broke

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Beatty has no plans to resign, lawyer says

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's chief of staff Christine Beatty is staying away from office but has no plans to resign.



Adams runs city temporarily

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Board of Ethics fielding requests for complaint forms regarding mayor

The head of the City of Detroit's Board of Ethics, said Friday that her office has gotten some calls from residents requesting forms to file a complaint about Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and chief of staff Christine Beatty having a romantic relationship in contrast to their sworn testimony in a whistleblower case.

Leadership in turmoil

Labor leader: Unions may ask for Mayor Kilpatrick's resignation



Do the right thing, Mayor: Resign

I hope now the mayor will do one final, decent act while he is in office, and that is to resign as soon as possible. The one thing I wouldn't be able to stomach is the mayor blaming the news media for his infidelity and humiliation of his wife and sons. Christine Beatty should also do the right thing, and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy should do the right thing.



Ex-cops' lawyer tells of secret pact

A lawyer for three former police officers who sued Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick acknowledged Thursday that a confidentiality agreement governs secret details surrounding the ex-cops' \$8.4-million settlement, which the city agreed to pay after Kilpatrick lied under oath during the trial about an affair with his chief of staff.

Hardworking Beatty has reached crossroads

Christine Beatty is known in political and professional circles as a hard-nosed, hardworking negotiator, someone able to broker a deal even when the odds are against her. But political pundits and labor attorneys say Beatty, chief of staff for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, may not be able to negotiate her way out of the text-messaging scandal that has rocked City Hall.



Most text messages just vanish

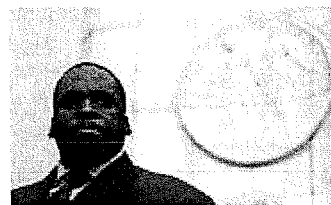
The scandal over the thousands of text messages between Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and chief of staff Christine Beatty has a lot of people wondering just how private their own messages are. For most, the answer is: Don't worry.

City growth should go on, leaders say

The scandal involving Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick shouldn't blunt the city's revitalization efforts or ability to make deals happen, a cross-section of business, political and academic leaders said Thursday.

BRIAN DICKERSON: Only one way to stop the bleeding

Enough. Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty want the news media out of their personal lives once and for all -- and honestly, who among us is not eager to escape that cesspool of public and private betrayals?



Show that no one is above law

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's lies and indiscretions have loads of implications -- political, social and personal -- but at bottom is legal. Many of them involve basic matters of law.

Transcript of chat with Free Press reporter Jim Schaefer

Free Press reporter Jim Schaefer answered your questions about the mayor's text message



scandal.

What Detroiters are saying

"I don't think he should get any jail time, but they should make an example of him -- make him do ... 5,000 hours of community service making speeches, cleaning freeways." Steve Carr, 43, of Detroit

Cops who stopped Beatty rethink

Two Detroit police officers who said they were slandered by city officials after stopping Christine Beatty for speeding in 2004 were considering accepting a mediation panel's recommendation to settle their suit. But now, in light of Wednesday's revelations about the mayor and his chief of staff, their attorney said he might go to trial.

Suggestion for Kilpatrick



What readers are saying

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What politicians are saying

"We have nothing to add to this story." Liz Boyd, spokeswoman for Gov. Jennifer Granholm

Actions shamed city; this is not just a private matter

I am not shocked that Kwame Kilpatrick was lying; his arrogance and reliance on the apathy of Detroit residents have been on display since his first term. Kilpatrick's actions to demote, transfer and fire the officers who investigated him exemplifies the worst in a public official. His transgressions against his "friend" Lou Beatty are beyond the pale.

Sex with subordinate makes crucial difference

The conventional wisdom Thursday was that Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's problems were not so much about having an affair, but the lies he told to keep it private.



Transcript of chat with Free Press reporter M.L. Elrick

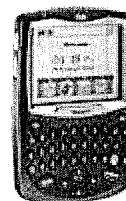
Detroit Free Press reporter M.L. Elrick answered questions live on freep.com this afternoon about the the mayor's text message scandal. His answers are below.



January 24, 2008

How secure are your text messages?

The scandal over the thousands of text messages between Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and chief of staff Christine Beatty has a lot of people wondering just how private their own messages are.



Mayor Kilpatrick, chief of staff lied under oath, text messages show

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his chief of staff lied about their relationship last summer at a police whistle-blower trial that has cost the cash-strapped city more than \$9 million, according to records obtained by the Free Press. The false testimony potentially exposes them to felony perjury charges, legal experts say.



What Michigan officials are saying

Reaction from metro Detroit and state officials to the revelations that Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his chief of staff Christine Beatty lied under oath in denying their sexual relationship in 2002 and 2003:

What Detroiters are saying

•Marietta Searles, 55, once watched a movie in the same theater and row as the mayor and his wife. "They were so genuine and accommodating," she said. "He's a real human being, and that's the first thing people should look at. Everyone makes mistakes. It happens."

Council focuses on money lost, people betrayed

As talk throughout Detroit continues to swirl as to what direction Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the city will go in after embarrassing text messages were uncovered and reported by the Free Press, much of the reaction from City Council centered on disappointment that the scandal has cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

An interview with Detroit Council President Ken Cockrel Jr.

Detroit City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. met with reporters this morning to discuss the scandal surrounding Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Following are excerpts from that interview.

Legal experts, politicians react

Now that lies Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick told on the witness stand have been exposed, one Detroit lawyer and political consultant said the next question is: What will Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy do?

EDITORIAL: Serve city, starting with truth

Let's just call this what it is: A \$9-million lie, with Detroit taxpayers picking up the bill. The line may not be perfectly straight, but it can be drawn. The city shelled out \$9 million so Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick could keep covering up his affair with Chief of Staff Christine Beatty and their plan to punish police officers who got too close

to the relationship.

BREAKING NEWS ANIMATION: Mayor Kilpatrick



The relationship between mayor and chief of staff

Text messages are at odds with sworn testimony, public denials



The chain of events

1/1: Kwame Kilpatrick, 31, becomes Detroit's youngest elected mayor. 3/28: Detroit cop Harold Nelthroe, a former Kilpatrick bodyguard, alleges to internal affairs that two bodyguards collected overtime pay they didn't earn and covered up wrecks in city cars.

What is perjury?

Perjury is the crime of lying under oath, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison in Michigan. It requires proof the witness knowingly testified falsely. Misleading or ambiguous statements are not enough to prove perjury, said Stuart Green, a professor of criminal law at Louisiana State University and a national expert on perjury prosecutions.

What \$9 million could buy

Detroit recreation centers have been closed and city workers have seen benefit and job cuts. The city has begun charging residents \$300 a year for trash pickup to raise money. The \$9 million paid to former cops Gary Brown, Harold Nelthroe and Walt Harris and for legal costs to settle their lawsuits may seem small in the context of the city's \$1.5-billion general fund budget, but it's still enough to pay for:

HENDERSON: For mayor and city, lies undermine so much potential

I came home to Detroit last spring with some reservations about Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. I'd read the stories, heard the rumors, and was worried that a dynamic young mayor hadn't yet grasped the most sacred tenet of his job: The city must always come first.

January 23, 2008

BREAKING NEWS ANIMATION: Mayor Kilpatrick



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